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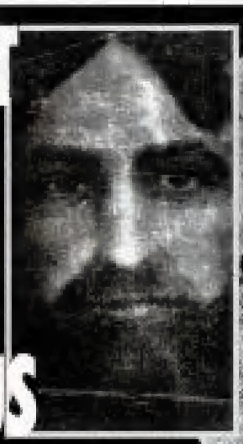

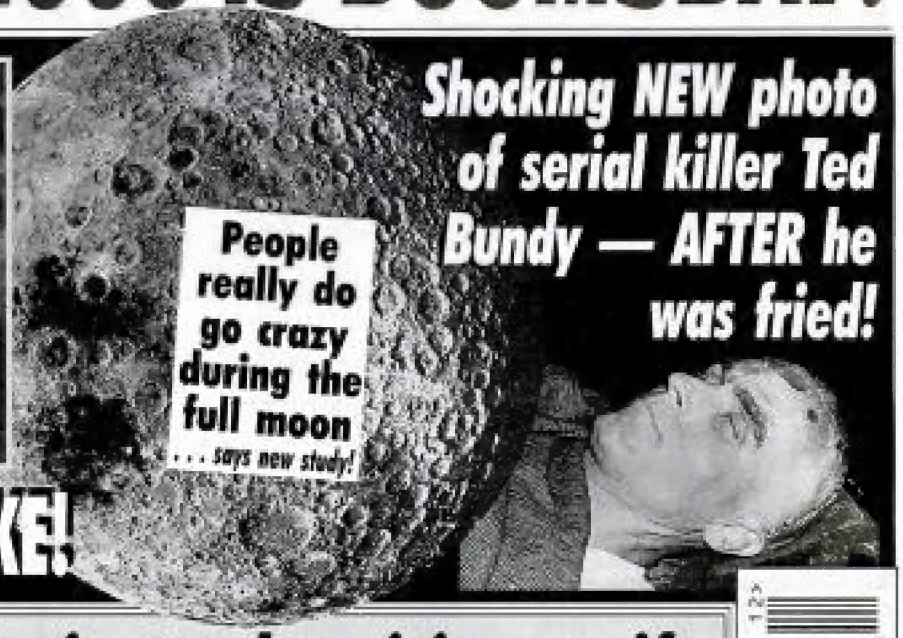

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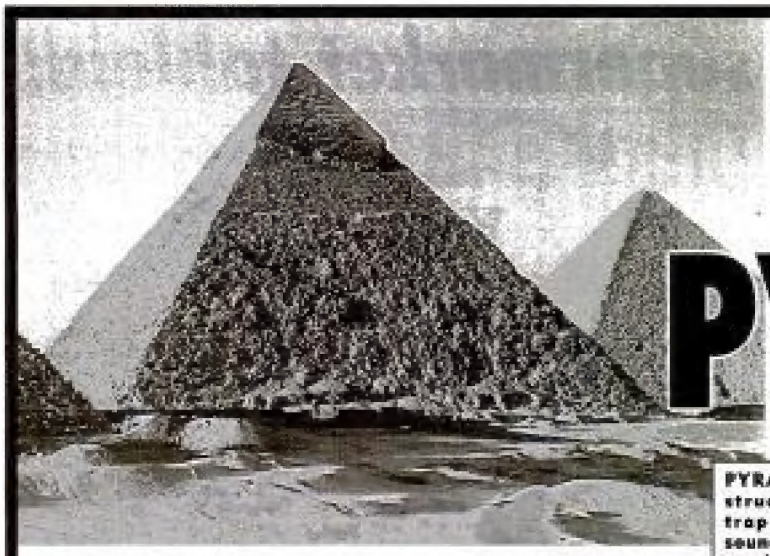

PYRAMIDS are structured to trap and hold sound for thousands of years, say scientists.

TALKING PYRAMIDS AMAZE SCIENTISTS!

Researcher records 4,500-yr.-old conversation from sound waves trapped inside tomb's walls

AL JIZAH, Egypt — A brilliant recording engineer has smashed the time barrier by taping a conversation held more than 4,500 years ago inside one of the Great Pyramids!

That's the stunning news from a panel of experts who say American sound technician and electronics genius Robert Vandelain has finally proven the theory he formed in college over 10 years ago — that the ancient pyramids are uniquely structured to trap and hold sound for an indefinite period of time.

By RANDY JEFFRIES
Weekly World News

ELECTRONICS EXPERT Robert Vandelain developed his amazing pyramid sound wave theory 10 years ago.

On December 29, using a specially developed electromagnetic recording device, Vandelain managed to extract a conversation from the inner walls of the famed Khufu pyramid.

The conversation originally took place between two burial attendants as they laid Pharoah Khufu to rest in the world famous tomb — back in 2680 B.C.

The recording begins with a series of recited funeral prayers, in the Hamito-Semitic language spoken in Egypt's IV dynasty.

Then the two attendants discuss the position and location in which Khufu's sarcophagus will be laid out in the Pharaoh's chamber.

Scientists confirm that the recording was made under controlled conditions.

"The pyramid was closed to the public when that recording was made and there was a heavy guard over it," said Dr. Ahmed El Hegazi, the leading expert on Egypt's IV dynasty, who was present during the recording and has heard the tapes hundreds of times. "There's no way it could possibly be a hoax."

Egyptologists worldwide are demanding that Vandelain be considered for the Nobel Prize.

"They're giving me too much credit," said the modest Vandelain, known throughout the scientific community for his work in amplifying and recording the sounds emitted by plant life.

"The ancient Egyptian architects who built the pyramids were light years ahead of us.

"There's something about the shape, materials and distances that absorb sound waves and store them. 'All I did was assemble some high-tech recording equipment and draw the sounds from the walls."

The tape is being studied by Dr. Hegazi's experts and a complete transcript could be published in leading scientific journals as early as this summer.

Bizarre break-in

Wacko super glues his face to woman's foot!

COOK, Australia — A man broke into a woman's home and purposely super glued the side of his face to the bottom of her foot!

It took surgeons two and one half hours to separate 31-year-foot from the face of Thomas Borkman, 24.

Borkman had no prior record of criminal activity or mental illness.

His motive is not

Neon lipstick coming to U.S.

Neon lipstick is the hottest new fashion craze for top models in Paris. Experts say

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HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEARTS MARRY AFTER 60 YEARS APART — THEN JEALOUS 79-YEAR-OLD SUITOR MURDERS GROOM!

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LOVE REKINDLED: Lawrence Kubik and his lovely bride Marguerite Bacher-Kubik on their wedding day.

By MICHAEL FORSYTH / *Weekly World News*

LEAWOOD, Kan. — A pair of high school sweethearts who finally got married after being apart for more than 60 years saw their love story turn tragic — when a jealous 79-year-old suitor allegedly broke into their house and beat them both with a baseball bat, killing the groom and landing the bride in the hospital!

Police say elderly hothead Francis Patrick Doyle charged into the home of his lovebird neighbors and used a baseball bat to kill 77-year-old Lawrence Kubik — the husband of the object of Doyle's affection, Marguerite Bacher-Kubik.

The frustrated oldster also beat Mrs. Bacher-Kubik, who did not share his feelings, officials say. She was hospitalized in fair condition.

"Mr. Doyle has been charged with first-degree murder, attempted murder and aggravated burglary," prosecutor Paul Morrison told *Weekly World News*.

The tragic tale of prune-juice-fueled passion and unrequited love began way back in the 1930s when Lawrence and Marguerite were high-school sweethearts.

The youngsters were head over heels in love, but they quarreled, split up and later married others.

A few years ago they both became widowed and fate brought them together again.

Love was even better the second time around, they found — they fell for each other all over again and tied the knot last November.

But their long-awaited chance at happiness was short-lived. Neighbor Doyle developed a crush on Mrs. Bacher-Kubik — and although she maintained a friendship with him, she did not reciprocate his expressions of love.

"It was more like wishful thinking on his part," said Morrison.

Finally Doyle's pent-up emotions exploded.

He charged over and confronted the couple, police say — with bloody results.

If convicted, the bat-swinging senior will spend his few remaining days behind bars.

PHOTO © JEFF ROBERSON THE KANSAS CITY STAR

BAT-SWINGING SENIOR Francis Patrick Doyle has been charged with murder. If convicted, he will spend his few remaining days behind bars.

Gas stations in China offer customers:

FREE SEX WITH EVERY FILL-UP!

By SANDRA LEE / *Weekly World News*

A chain of gas stations in China is offering a free session with a prostitute to customers who fill up their tank!

Believe it or not, more than 200 stations all over the Asian giant are making the bizarre offer that has most men celebrating and some women outraged.

"This lurid attempt to attract business is degrading to all women," said Zhui Li-Oh-ing, one of the few Chinese feminists. "It is like something you would expect to see in the United States."

Some stations have even issued cards to customers to keep track of how many times they have filled up their tank. One fill-up qualifies the customer for enforcement agents.

"All a businessman has to do is talk to the right person and all police officers look the other way," Zhui said. "It's a travesty."

In an effort to keep controversy to a minimum, the stations rarely advertise the salacious deal. Station owners generally refuse to comment on the promotion.

"I don't know anything about it," said Hua Lin-Ohura, who owns a dozen gas stations where the activity allegedly takes place. "I can't be at every gas pump every

SOLDIERS DEMAND CLEAN UNDERWEAR!

OSLO, Norway — More than 7,500 soldiers from all over the country marched on this nation's capital — demanding clean underwear!

The soldiers say the two sets of undies they are issued each week aren't enough. They want five

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New study will bowl you over!

THE WAY YOU USE THE JOHN REVEALS YOUR PERSONALITY

By TANYA BRODER / Weekly World News

LOS ANGELES — One of the most revealing indicators of personality type is the way you use the commode, a fascinating new study shows.

This most basic of human behaviors varies widely from person to person and every variation is highly significant, according to researchers.

Here are some of the most basic toilet behaviors and what they reveal about a personality, based on this remarkable research:

● **The Relaxer:** This person is apt to enjoy his time on the john so much that he will spend from 10 to 30 minutes there. As a child, he brings toys to play with, and as an adult he often brings books to read. The relaxer tends to be highly curious and innovative. He's a plodder who always does his duty, but because he hasn't much get-up-and-go chances of great financial success are slim. This person is pleasant-tempered but lacks a lively sense of humor.

● **The Efficient Type:** This person spends only the bare minimum of time on the john. He's all business. The efficient type is a high-energy, take-charge person who tends to be egotistical. He's highly intelligent, but emotionally cold.

He can be extremely temperamental and finicky and is often a difficult person to live with.

● **The Stuffer:** You don't want to follow this guy in the bathroom. He uses too much toilet paper and forgets to flush, if he can stay too long while others are waiting, all the better. The stuffer craves attention and can be tremendously selfish. But he's often very good at dealing with new ideas and he can cope well with a variety of people. Don't give him tasks that require precision or accuracy. He's better at jobs where his optimism and determination are key and he's definitely an artistic type.

● **The Fussbudget:** Everything has to be perfect for this person at toilet time. He's the one who cleans off the seat, turns on the water so no one hears and flushes as he goes to eliminate odor. The fussbudget is a great housekeeper and is tops at jobs like accounting or research. He's a devil to live with, though, because of his constant need for perfection. Don't expect this person to be creative, but look for traits like competence and dependability. He'll shoulder responsibility gladly, but he may be hard on employees because he's so demanding.

● **The Socializer:** This guy will go anywhere, anytime — even when there's someone else in the bathroom with him. The socializer is not in the least self-conscious and usually has great self esteem. He's adept at working with others and a pleasure to party with. But when it comes to responsibility, avoid the socializer. He has no follow-through and he tends to shirk his duties.

THE RELAXER will spend up to 30 minutes on the pot reading books.

High-tech killer slices up victims with lasers!

HAMBURG, Germany — A deranged doctor committed a pair of gruesome murders — by dismembering his victims with a high-tech laser scalpel, cops say.

The body parts were found stuffed into plastic bags. Investigators say the parts were severed so cleanly that they must have been cut by a highly skilled doc-

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Adlai Stevenson observed, "They pick

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California cutie Julie Portillo, 23, is studying for a career in computer science, but one look will tell you this curvy car buff is no nerd. When she isn't hitting the books or toiling at her newfound modeling career, jolting Julie keeps her 34D-24-34 physique sleek by engaging in her favorite hobbies — jet-skiing, aerobics and pumping iron.

UNBORN BABIES REALLY DO COMMIT SUICIDE IN THE WOMB

...says new study!

By JUNE SAWYER
Weekly World News

Unborn babies actually commit suicide in the womb if their mothers don't want them, a leading psychiatrist declares.

Dr. Thomas Verny says a mother can transfer feelings to her unborn child — sometimes causing the fetus to take steps that trigger its own abortion and death.

The psychiatrist — author of *The Secret Life of the Unborn Child* — said this startling fact was discovered after a study of 400 spontaneous abortions for which there was no medical reason.

In a significant number of these cases, Dr. Verny said the mother had mixed feelings about having the child — due to such things as worry over the responsibility of becoming a mother, the possibility of having a defective child or of being abandoned by her husband.

These feelings led to the mother's release of anxiety-provoking hormones. These were absorbed in the fetus — causing anxiety in the baby. It recognized that the mother didn't want it, Dr. Verny said.

The fetus' anxiety caused it to stop releasing certain chemicals into the womb which were vital to its development, and this led to its spontaneous abortion.

Dr. Verny's research is supported by Dr. David Chamberlain, a psychologist.

"I think a lot of miscarriages are psychological abortions in which the fetus commits suicide," Dr. Chamberlain said.

"Fetuses can be affected if they're emotionally rejected by the mother."

According to Dr. Verny, an unborn baby also dreams, learns, develops memories and even has emotions.

"It's earth-shaking to see that a fetus is a feeling, experiencing, remembering being who responds to his environment and is influenced by it," Dr. Verny told the *NEWS*.

"What surprised me the most throughout my years of research was to see how a fetus is greatly influenced by what its mother thinks and feels, and this is based on hard scientific data."

From the 16th week after conception, a fetus will turn its head away from a bright light shone on the mother's stomach, Dr. Verny said.

By the 24th week, it can taste. From the 25th week on, it will jump to the rhythm of a drum.

From the 32nd week on, it displays rapid eye movement (REM) while sleeping — direct evidence that it is dreaming.

Dr. Verny said unhappy marriages "produce babies which are five times more fearful and jumpy than the offspring of happy marriages."

The psychiatrist's data for his book was gathered through the use of sensitive electronic monitors, hypnosis, psychiatric studies of mothers and their offspring and medical studies.

A lot of people up North, they think everybody from the South is married to their sister and has seen a UFO. I told them, "I'm just dating my sister and couldn't swear

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RITZY RESTAURANT OWNER ARRESTED — FOR SPICING FOOD WITH HUMAN ASHES!

By JOE BERGER

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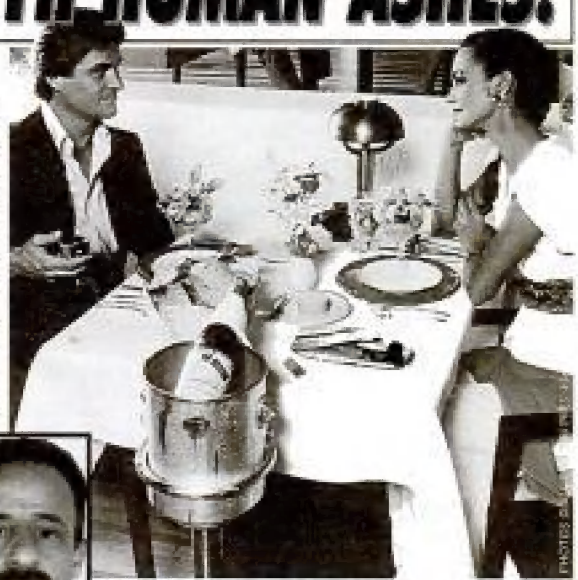
MELBOURNE, Australia — Shifty chef Niles Cuthbert had fat-cat customers lining up around the block to dig into his delicious duck l'orange, sample his scrumptious shrimp scampi or feast on his fabulous Far East seafood thermidor.



PATRONS of the exclusive eatery were gagging at the news of the arrest of culinary king Niles Cuthbert, left.

But conniving Niles' stuffed-shirt clientele nearly choked on their reindeer-liver pate when they learned he had a secret deal with a nearby crematorium — and was spicing up his highfalutin, high-priced dishes with the ashes of dead bums and bag ladies!

"That was the finest restaurant in town and the food was out of this world," gushed millionaire heiress Sarah Jane Granger, 55. "My husband and I'd been eating there twice a week since it opened last summer and we loved the place.

"The food had a very unique flavor and Niles told us he'd spent years refining his recipes at a restaurant and cooking school in Paris. He said the secret was in using only the finest ingredients and the careful blending of rare herbs and spices."

But after his arrest on charges of violating government health and safety regulations, nasty Niles admitted that the key ingredient in every delectable dish he served were the ashes of the dead "street people" he purchased from a friendly funeral director.

Wily Niles said he'd begun spiking his culinary concoctions with human ashes as a final favor for a friend.

"My buddy George was dying of cancer and he asked me to take his ashes after he was cremated and sprinkle them in his boss's dinner the next time he came to my restaurant," the shifty businessman said.

"So I did it. I secretly sprinkled them on his boss's food and on several other dishes, and the people who got the food with the ashes in it just went on and on about how it tasted even better than ever.

"So, I thought, man, if that's what my customers want, that's what they're going to get."

Man jailed for peeking under woman's veil!

TEHRAN, Iran — Brash Australian tourist Brian Glendover thought he was just being friendly when he coaxed a Muslim saleswoman into giving him a peek behind her veil at an outdoor flea market.

But hard-nosed Iranian cops

Glendover also faces charges of corrupting the morals of a woman, lewd public conduct and disturbing the peace.

If convicted, the luckless Aussie could face up to seven years behind bars.

BAD GIRL! BAD GIRL!

Beautiful college professor sues Louisiana State University — after dean spanks her bottom!

BATON ROUGE, La. — A humiliated lady college professor has filed a sexual harassment lawsuit charging that a dean hauled her over his lap and gave her a spanking!

Professor Dianne H. Piper says her boss Richard Nelson, associate dean of communications at Louisiana State University, repeatedly smacked her backside while chanting "You're a bad girl."

Her suit also alleges that his fellow associate dean Ron Garay "sat idly by, watching and laughing" as the demeaning, bottom-reddening punishment took place.

"Dean Nelson's conduct was absolutely outrageous," the woman's attorney Jill Craft told *Weekly World News*. "My client was totally humiliated."

Prof. Piper, a teacher in the communications department, says the shocking over-the-knee outrage took place as she met the two administrators in an office to discuss students' grades on January 12. The conversation began normally, the teacher says, but when she stated her plans to take a leave of absence to lecture at Indiana University, Dean Nelson became displeased.

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Weekly World News

'My client was totally humiliated'

— Jill Craft, Attorney for Dianne Piper

"He said, 'We're not about to let you leave,' " according to Ms. Craft. "Then he pulled her over his knee and started spanking her."

As the petite, attractive professor lay sprawled across the dean's lap, getting her upraised buttocks whacked like an unruly brat, she struggled to get away, the suit claims, but "the defendant physically restrained her."

A spokesman for the university, which is also named as a defendant, wouldn't comment on a pending suit. However, Dean Nelson's wife Valorie has leaped to his defense, offering a very different version of events. She claims her husband was congratulating Prof. Piper on landing the Indiana University spot when the teacher suddenly fell.

"He tried to help her up and he gave her a pat," Mrs. Nelson told a reporter. "She took it as a public spanking of some kind and it wasn't."

The dean's lawyer Murphy Foster issued a statement proclaiming his client's innocence and branding the suit "vicious and malicious."

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TEHRAN, Iran — The ambulance service thought they had the perfect emergency phone number, 1-2-3, until they tried it and found that a whopping 75 percent of the incoming calls were from preschool children practicing their numbers!

"We all thought it was a great idea when we thought it up," said medical services director Reza Shirazi. "It was simple and easy to remember. It never occurred to us that it would be fascinating to kids.

"But three out of every four calls were nuisance calls made by children working out arithmetic on their parents' telephone dials."

You wouldn't wanna live on Martian moons!

You probably wouldn't dig life on either of Mars' two moons — where days are just seven hours long and the temperature sometimes dips to a downright chilly 60 degrees below zero!

These are among the data relayed to Earth by the orbiting Mars Global Explorer, which also revealed that Phobos, the larger of the two moons, is covered with three feet of dust caused by thousands of meteoroid impacts over millions of years.

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ATLANTA — America's murder rates may be climbing, but they're still nothing compared to what they were in Europe in the Middle Ages or the U.S. in the early 19th century, rates around the world have actually been steadily declining, according to research revealed at a meeting of the Social Science History Association.

BIGFOOT BODY PARTS FOUND!

discover the severed hands & half-beast in Himalayan village!

By RANDY JEFFRIES / Weekly World News

KODARI, Nepal — Two Himalayan mountain climbers have made a grisly and startling discovery: The severed hands and feet of a Bigfoot!

Experts say the blood-caked remains provide the first concrete proof that the legendary, manlike creature actually roams this remote region of the earth.

"These body parts will silence the skeptics forever," said Dr. Thomas Ropelli, the noted American-born zoologist who has been in this area searching for the mysterious Bigfoot — or Yeti, as it's known here — for 19 years.

ZOOLOGIST Thomas Ropelli.

"Thousands of sightings have been reported near here, but so far there's been no solid evidence that the Bigfoot exists — until now, that is," Dr. Ropelli added.

The climbers made their gruesome find high in a tiny Sherpa village in the northern mountains — where the Bigfoot had been killed by villagers to provide skin for tanning and meat for their dogs.

The hands and feet had been discarded and were found lying in the snow behind one of the huts. The rest of the Yeti's corpse had already been disposed of.

"It's a shocking thing to most Americans to think of a Bigfoot being treated this way," Dr. Ropelli said. "But Sherpas have a cold, unsentimental view of the Yeti. Life can be very harsh up there. They have to make the most of every creature in their environment, even the rare Yeti.

"They're not the slightest bit interested in how unique the Yetis are or how important they are to science. To the Sherpas, they are nothing more than meat to be used to feed their animals and pelts for making boots and leather goods. And on the rare occasion that they kill one, that's just what they do."

Knowing of Dr. Ropelli's research, the climbers brought the hands and feet to his headquarters at the foot of the Himalayas.

"It's tragic that the Yeti had to die," said Dr. Ropelli, who left his native Hartford, Conn., in 1980 for this remote region just south of China. "But at least now we have something to study.

"And finally, skeptics everywhere are being forced to reevaluate their view of the Yeti."

Tissue and hair samples taken from the remains have been examined by more than a dozen respected scientists from around the world and their conclusion is unanimous: These are the feet and hands of an animal unlike anything previously known to science.

Dr. Lars Wilk, director of Sweden's noted Wilk Biochemical Laboratories, said, "It's our conclusion that the Yeti is a species unknown to science. It's a true missing link between man and ape."

Dr. Ropelli is continuing his study of the body parts and says he will donate them to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., when he's finished.

Meanwhile, he's persuaded the Nepalese government to institute a public information campaign to save future Bigfoots from senseless death. One aspect of the campaign involves posting notices in the Himalayas urging people not to kill the Yetis. Officials are offering large rewards for photos and even larger rewards to anyone who captures a Yeti and brings it in unharmed. "If the posters are seen by enough Sherpas, we may

GOVERNMENT officials are distributing these "Don't Kill Bigfoot" posters around the countryside in an effort to protect the species and preserve captured specimens for scientific research.

"There really has been a civilizing process since about the 19th century."

Murder rates in America, for example, are about 10 times what it has been in the 20th century.

In medieval times, as many as 45 out of every 100,000 people were murdered each year. Today's murder rate, a mere 9.3 out of 100,000.

An additional finding: Small towns have traditionally been more dangerous than urban centers when it comes to violent crime.

PEOPLE REALLY DO GO CRAZY DURING FULL MOON, SAY STUDIES!

It's true. People really do go off the deep end during the full moon, experts say.

"Studies have shown that abnormal behavior definitely increases during the time of the full moon, and the new moon as well," observes Dr. Donald Templer, a noted professor of psychology.

Dr. Templer has found that the full and new moon coincide with a dramatic increase in suicide attempts, phone calls to psychiatrists by troubled people and admissions to psychiatric hospitals.

Said psychologist Dr. Carolyn Robinson: "The idea that people act strange around the time of the full moon is not just a folk belief.

"In a study in which I was involved, we analyzed the incidence of homicides in the Miami, Fla., and Cleveland, Ohio, areas over a 15-year period.

"In the Miami area we found there were significantly more homicides around the full moon and the new moon than for the rest of the month. Our results for the Cleveland area were similar."

Said Dr. Templer: "It's difficult to say why there is a relationship between the moon's phases and bizarre behavior. It could be that the moon's gravitational pull affects the body's fluids."

Dr. Elizabeth Miller, a professor of psychology, outlined the results of a study she was involved in.

"We found that rape, robbery and assault, burglary, larceny and theft, auto theft, offenses against family and children, drunkenness, and disorderly conduct occurred significantly more frequently during the full moon phase than at other times."

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AUTO THEFT IS NOW A THING OF THE PAST!

New gizmo traps thieves inside your car — and KILLS them!

DEADLY GAS fills this car during a test of the "Theft-Ender" device.

TOKYO — A researcher for a high-tech security company has developed the ultimate anti-theft device — a gizmo that traps creeps inside cars and then zaps them with a deadly dose of carbon monoxide.

The fully automated "Theft-Ender" is already widely used in Japan and Hong Kong and has recently headed for European markets. Experts say it has nearly halted the problem of auto theft where it is used.

"The thieves don't know which cars come equipped with this inexpensive device and which cars don't," explained inventor Motokazu Kawahata. "They're so afraid of it that they stop stealing cars altogether. It's the most effective anti-theft device ever produced."

By TANYA BRODER
Weekly World News

Would you pay $29.95 for total peace of mind?

The "Theft-Ender" is a small device designed to connect the exhaust and ignition systems of a car to its passenger compartment. When set by the car's owner, it is primed to react any time the car is started up.

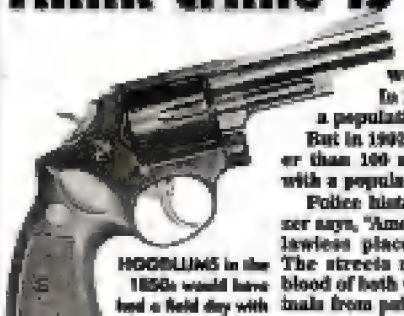
When a would-be thief breaks into the car and turns on the ignition, the car doors automatically lock, trapping the creep inside. Windows and doors are sealed shut and exhaust from the car's motor begins pouring into the passenger compartment.

"The thief cannot turn off the motor once it's running," Kawahata said. "He's caught like a rat in a trap. In a matter of minutes, he's dead from carbon monoxide poisoning.

"Since this device went on the market four months ago, a total of 127 young crooks have died in this country and in Hong Kong. And the number of car thefts has dropped off dramatically as word about my invention gets around."

One of the amazing things about the "Theft-Ender" is that it is relatively inexpensive. The device costs only $29.95 and can be installed by any mechanic in 15 minutes.

Think crime is bad now? It was much worse in the 'Good Old Days'



HOODLUMS in the 1850s would have had a field day with

Think today's crime rate is high? It was much worse in the so-called "Good Old Days," say experts.

In 1851, San Francisco had 100 murders in five months — with a population of 30,000.

But in 1992, there were fewer than 100 murders all year, with a population of 723,921.

Police historian Robert Fitzer says, "American cities were lawless places in the 1800s. The streets ran red with the blood of both victims and criminals from public shoot-outs.

Around 1850, a band of some 200 people got together and stormed the city jail to lynch a man who'd killed a respected citizen.

"The street gangs of the 1850s thought nothing of setting buildings on fire to divert attention while robbing houses and stores. Today's gangs are mild by comparison."

Dr. Donald Wilson, an expert in legal history, said: "In Los Angeles in 1848, there were 1,200 murders for 26,000 to 30,000 people.

"It was an absolutely wide-open town, and a vigilante movement sprang up because of all the killings.

"Contrary to popular belief that the crime rate is running rampant today, it's actually on a steady decline.

WHY AREN'T OUR KIDS THIS SMART?

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS, March 24,

CHRISTIE . . .
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Q Susan Sarandon is 50, while her live-in boyfriend, baby-faced actor Tim Robbins of *The Shawshank Redemption* fame, is 12 years her junior. Isn't she worried about losing him to some young bimbo — just like what happens to the character she plays in her latest flick *The Stepmom*?
— George N., Fargo, N.D.

GREAT SEX! Tim Robbins and live-in girlfriend Susan Sarandon.

A Not really. Susan has been with Tim for more than 10 years and says that kind of time makes for a feeling of security — plus sensational, can't-be-beat sex! "There's a kind of great sex that can happen because you know each other," the star explained in an interview. "It doesn't matter if you've put on two extra pounds or if your makeup is off. You don't have to be scared going across the room to get your clothes."

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UP-FRONT ABOUT HER ASSETS: Jennifer Love Hewitt.

Q Is it true that Jennifer Love Hewitt has a hang-up about her breasts — and hates showing them off in tight T-shirts the way she has to all the time in teen thrillers like *I Still Know What You Did Last Summer*?
— Belinda R., Elizabeth, N.J.

A The 19-year-old actress has no objection to flaunting her perky headlights. But she admits that she felt differently when she blossomed at age 11 — and noticed grown men gawking at her. Jennifer went through a phase of wearing bulky sweaters to cover up, the *Party of Five* star told *US* magazine, before she finally decided it was okay to be up-front about her assets. "I woke up one morning and went, 'You know what? They're not going to go away. I'm a girl and proud to be one,'" Jennifer said. "And they've nothing new — boobs have been around a really long time. It's not like I invented them!"

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Q I heard there's a story behind Meg Ryan's relationship with her actor husband Dennis Quaid that's similar to the plot of her movie *You've Got Mail*, the romantic comedy in which two people pass each other for months without realizing they're meant for each other. What is it?
— Dianne E., Hartford, Conn.

MEANT TO BE TOGETHER: Meg Ryan and Dennis Quaid.

A Long before they became famous or ever met, Meg and Dennis both were struggling young actors in the Big Apple — and passed each other frequently, not knowing what destiny had in store. "We lived one block from each other," Meg recalls. "I had this thrift-store sweater that was blue and gray and went past my knees." Eventually, both performers made it to the big time and they fell in love on the set of the 1987 movie *Innerspace*. Then, a couple years later, it suddenly dawned on Dennis that he knew his sweetheart from way back, says Meg. "Dennis said he remembers me walking, swinging my arms, with this weird blue sweater on."

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Q I am the world's biggest *Star Wars* fanatic. I've seen each of the original three films dozens of times and am eagerly looking forward to *Star Wars: Episode I, The Phantom Menace*, the first of the three planned prequels.

I know there are to be nine films in the saga.

Please tell me all you know about the plots of the final three films, the sequels to *Episode VI: The Empire Strikes Back*.
— Clyde R., Gary, Ind.

A I'm afraid you'll have to scratch any plans to see *Star Wars VII, VIII* and *IX*. George Lucas, creator of the franchise, says he plans to call it quits after finishing the three-part prequel to his blockbuster space trilogy.

It turns out that all that early talk about making a total of nine films was just that — talk.

"I never had a story for the sequels, for the later ones," he recently admitted in an interview with *Vanity Fair*.

Lucas, 55, says that he'd be too old to direct the additional spaceship epics and would probably not be open to allowing anyone else to take over the helm.

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Q Rich, ultra-beautiful Sharon Stone is one of the most famous sex symbols in the world. Wasn't her new husband, newspaperman Phil Bronstein, intimidated by the prospect of dating her?
— Jeff C., Casper, Wy.

A Actually, the *Basic Instinct* beauty says she was the one intimidated by the confident, handsome, quick-witted *San Francisco Examiner* editor when they first met.

"He was too perfect," reveals movie love god-

QUIZ! MOVIE BRAIN TEASER *QUIZ!*

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HINT: Paul Newman, left, Katharine Ross and Robert Redford starred in this western flick about train robberies, sex and guns! Look for the answer here next week. Last week's quiz answer: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. Mail entries to: Brain Teaser, Weekly World News, 600 East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33464-0002.

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DINOSAURS WIPED THEMSELVES OUT — BY PLAYING 'CHICKEN'

By TANYA BRODER
Weekly World News

PERTH, Australia — Dinosaur bones found in the Great Sandy Desert have revealed the shocking true reason why dinosaurs became extinct: They killed themselves off playing chicken!

Experts who have examined a dinosaur burial ground in the vast waterless region say there are unmistakable signs that the giant creatures died in high-impact collisions, most likely with other dinosaurs.

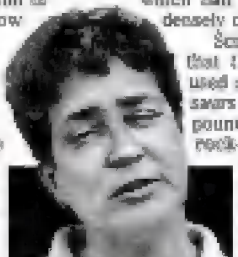
"By examining the condition of the skulls and the position of the bones, we have concluded the beasts ran at each other at high speed and smashed into each other with such force that their craniums were crushed to powder," said Dr Annabelle Crocker, an American paleontologist working with a team of other scientists in the arid desert. "It sounds bizarre, but we can't deny the evidence

CAVEMAN watches as two dinosaurs square off in prehistoric "chicken" game, in which participants run toward each other until one of them chickens out and backs off.

Scientist: Giant beasts rammed each other into extinction!

"We don't know why the ancient reptiles became addicted to this type of activity. Perhaps they were mentally affected by changes in the environment, or perhaps it's a reflection of their extremely low brainpower."

Dr. Crocker was searching for a rare blood-sucking dinosaur called the vampirosaurus when she made the striking discovery in 1998. She and her assistants failed to find the rare reptile, but uncovered a 25-mile-square section of the desert where every inch was littered with dinosaur bones. Closer inspection showed that the vast majority of the skeletons belonged to animals killed by severe head injuries.



Dr. Annabelle Crocker

The mile tract also contained an odd geological formation much like a "roadway" approximately 10 miles long, a stretch of terrain which had been formed of densely compacted earth.

Scientists theorized that this was a track used so often by dinosaurs that it had been pounded smooth and rock-hard by their giant feet.

"We began to document skulls whose injuries exactly fit other skulls and drew the inescapable conclusion that they had all been crushed by smashing into one another at high speed," Dr Crocker said.

"After we'd found thousands of such fits, we realized there was an unusual phenomenon here, an explanation for the deaths that was bizarre but conclusive. We now think that dinosaurs gathered in this spot to engage in some sort of contest, a test of strength or dominance that probably had a connection with mating.

"The ponderous beasts stood far apart and then rushed down the track toward each other, just like teenagers playing chicken in their hot rods.

"But we believe that many of these creatures were not agile enough to swerve at the last minute. This fatal flaw may well have led to the disappearance of the entire species."

Dr. Crocker's find has excited comment and interest among scientists all around the world.

"It's a dramatic new theory to explain dinosaur extinction," said one German paleontologist.

"A bit unusual, perhaps, but extremely fascinating nonetheless."

Schoolboy kills himself after shooting principal

REDLANDS, Calif. — A 13-year-old boy shattered the calm of his Catholic school when he walked in with a sawed-off shotgun, shot the principal in the face in front of other students, then turned the gun on himself!

Eighth-grade student John Sirola died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest after wounding principal Richard Facciolo of Sacred Heart School.

Cops say the boy had been sent to the principal earlier to discuss his disrespect for authority. They're not sure if the boy meant to kill himself or if it was an accident. "He was a young man having a real tough time growing up," said Rev. Howard Lincoln, spokesman for

From here to zero

NORFOLK, Va. — A cop faces 70 years in the slammer for hiding bombs in two shopping malls, a courtroom and a coliseum — just so he and his trained dog could find the explosives and become heroes!

State Trooper Vernon Ray Richards, 41, pleaded guilty to seven counts of trying to destroy buildings after he was caught on hidden cameras planting bombs in another building. The cop said he

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FEAR & WORRY MOUNT AS YEAR 2000 DRAWS NEARER!

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Weekly World News

Anxiety, wonder, confusion — these emotions and others are competing in the minds of billions of people the world over as the year 2000 fast approaches.

Some eagerly anticipate the Second Coming of Christ, others fear a wave of deadly natural catastrophes, others predict the Y2K computer bug will throw our society into chaos.

Psychologists have dubbed the odd mix of excitement and terror Pre-millennial Tension, or PMT.

"People feel in their guts that 'something big' is about to happen — it's like the jitters that pets get before a major earthquake," said a Los Angeles psychiatrist.

Management gurus have actually been advising bosses to send employees home the last week of 1999 because people are expected to be so preoccupied that productivity will hit an all-time low.

Hundreds of Americans are already camping out on Jerusalem's Mount of Olives, convinced that Jesus will land there when He returns to Earth. The Vatican is bracing itself for 13 million visitors who are expected to choose the Pope's headquarters as the site to welcome the new millennium.

Millions of New-Agers are gearing up for a 1960s-style love-in in California. And wealthy jet-setters plan to fly to a swank bash on remote Pitt Island, the first inhabited place on Earth where the sun will rise on January 1, 2000.

New-Agers are especially certain that a monumental change will take place next year. Some New-Age prophets say a succession of natural disasters will destroy the current order and usher in a new Golden Age. Others insist space aliens will land on Earth, turning civilization topsy-turvy. Many devout Christians, meanwhile, are banking on the return of Jesus. Nearly 40 percent of U.S. Christians are convinced that He will arrive in the year 2000 — if not sooner, polls say.

Believers point out that pivotal bibilical events tend to happen at 2,000-year intervals. Abraham, the patriarch who made a covenant with God, is believed to have been born in 2000 B.C. and Jesus was born 2,000 years later.

The powerful sense of expectation opens the door to demonic mischief, religious leaders warn.

Millennium countdown heats up

People feel in their guts that 'something big' is about to happen!

LADY EXEC QUITS AFTER SENDING X-RATED E-MAIL!

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — A top lady executive quit her job in embarrassment after she e-mailed a raunchy nude picture of herself to a male co-worker — and copies of the naughty pic were accidently sent to every one of the 650 employees in the building!

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Restaurant owner killed his wife's lover

CAMPINAS, Brazil — A sicko restaurant owner murdered his wife's lover — and served the dead man's liver to six unsuspecting diners!

. . . then served man's liver with onions to his customers!

Cops say Gilberto Menezes shot his love rival Tomas Santa twice through the head, cut out his liver and fried it up with onions.

The spiteful cook then offered "liver and onions" as the special of the day.

"At least six customers ate slices of it before we found the body and arrested Menezes at the restaurant," said Det. Luis Manha.

Menezes did not explain why he cooked and served the man's liver.

Heartless thieves robbing graveside mourners!

BARCELONA, Spain — Disgusted authorities are trying to catch the gang of heartless thieves who burglarized 14 autos — while the cars' owners attended graveside services of a departed friend!

Cops say the burglars struck the Muertos de Dios Cemetery as friends of cancer victim Mario Gomez said their final goodbyes.

Cops estimate the take at somewhere around $1,600.

"They're scum," said Officer Juan Ramirez. "They're no better than grave-robbers."

CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS!

Busty smuggler stashes drugs in her breast implants!

By ROSS BERGMAN
Weekly World News

Luscious Lana Cox, one of the hottest new faces on the European modeling scene, is one lady who never needed breast implants — and never will.

BOGOTA, Colombia — A woman with a king-size chest was busted after cops discovered she had more than a million dollars' worth of heroin surgically implanted in her breasts!

An informant had tipped off police that brazen Rosa Moncayo, 33, would be boarding a plane to Miami with drugs concealed inside her boobs. Officers staked out the airport and arrested the busty smuggler.

The top-heavy lady was taken to a Bogota hospital, where surgeons removed the drugs, estimated to be worth $1.2 million. Miss Moncayo is currently in jail awaiting trial.

"Our informant gave us a good description of the woman, but she was especially easy for us to spot because her chest was so extremely large in comparison to the rest of her body," one narcotics agent said. "She gave us a struggle when we started to make the arrest, but we had several officers there so we were able to take her into custody without incident."

Police obtained a search warrant enabling doctors to X-ray the suspect's breasts and remove two plastic bags containing the heroin once they were discovered.

Drugs found sewn in woman's breasts

GLOBAL NEWS SERVICE

BOGOTA, Colombia — Police arrested a big-busted woman at Bogota airport and discovered she had over a million dollars in drugs hidden in her breast implants.

Earlier, two other smugglers were caught with drugs surgically implanted into their buttocks.

The large-breasted smuggler was attempting to fly to Miami, police said. She was taken to San Juan de Dios hospital where the drugs were surgically removed.

The operation was shown on national television.

TOP DOG! Pooch rescues family of nine from certain death!

FRANKLIN SQUARE, N.Y. — A 7-year-old pooch named Rosie is top dog in her family right now — after she saved her owners and their seven children from carbon monoxide poisoning.

The shepherd-collie mix woke the family early one Sunday morning by jangling her collar and tags as if she had to go out. When Mrs. Magda Berrios got up to let her out, she realized she was feeling ill and woke her family.

"It was like a chain reaction," she said. "Everybody started getting up.

Berrios family escaped safely from the house, which had a malfunctioning furnace. They were treated at local hospitals and released. Rosie got a hamburger and a whole pizza as her reward.

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WASHINGTON — Americans are going to the poorhouse trying to buy their kids the clothing, toys and gadgets they crave, experts say.

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Here's something for the bleeding-heart liberals to chew on...

END OF THE LINE: Whether we're sinners or saints, we're all winding up in the same place — a cemetery!

IF GOD DOESN'T BELIEVE IN THE DEATH PENALTY, WHY ARE THE GRAVEYARDS SO FULL?

I just thought of something that's going to make all those liberal, simpering Democrats madder than O.J. Simpson at a DNA seminar.

If God doesn't believe in the death penalty, why are the graveyards so full — and why are all the morticians so damn rich? It's pretty clear to me, folks, that the Good Lord is the world's number one supporter of the death penalty.

So any whining about how wrong it is to fry killers and rapists till they sizzle like steak on a grill is hogwash, pure and simple — because God pulls the switch on all of us eventually.

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I'm pig-biting mad over a report from the White House that President Hillary is thinking about building a gol-durned bronze monument to all those illegal aliens pouring into this great nation.

"They risk their lives coming here on leaky rafts or swimming rivers like the Rio Grande in the dead of night," she explained recently. "They deserve some monument that will etch their struggle into the American memory. They are heroes just as much as our most-revered forefathers."

What a load of crap! The only monument I'd like to build 'em is a replica of a damn jail cell — with them rotting away inside it. Stick that on the Capitol lawn, by jimmy!

MAKING A KILLING: Whining about how wrong it is to fry killers and rapists till they sizzle like steak on a grill is hogwash.

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While I'm on the subject of illegal aliens, word is that the United States is finally going to cut off electricity to Mexico. According to my sources, Mexico has racked up a huge power bill and has to fork over at least 75 percent of it pronto, or it's lights out, amigos.

Just how much do our friends south of the border owe? $172 billion and counting.

That means our sombrero-wearing pals haven't paid a peso on their monthly bill since mid-1853. If you want the complete scoop on this outrage, turn to page 37.

Ed Anger

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS, March 2

Believe it or not, folks!

SEX KILLER WINS $2 MILLION — because guards stop him from escaping!

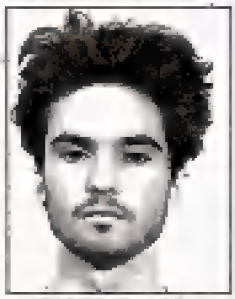
By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Weekly World News

HARTFORD, Conn. — Who says crime doesn't pay? A convicted sex killer beat up and stabbed a female guard and tried to break out of jail, then sued the prison system for more than $2 million when his escape was foiled — and incredibly, he won!

Now wiry punk Kevin King, who stripped the lady guard naked and tried to walk out of jail in her uniform, is one of the richest men in the state!

King charged in his suit that corrections officers roughed him up after catching him and that as a result of the beating the convict suffered "anxiety, terror and other injuries."

Outraged court officers literally shook their heads in shock and disbelief as the verdict was read in court. And U.S. District Court Judge Dominic Squatrito was so disgusted that he refused to even allow delighted King to thank the jury, telling the pale, smirking con, "Only in a country like ours is it possible to have this kind of trial."



CONVICTED KILLER Kevin King.

But King's attorney Norman Pattis, who embraced his client after the verdict, hailed the jury for having the "courage" to uphold King's civil rights.

"They are to be commended," he told *Weekly World News*.

King first made headlines in 1992 with the notorious murder of his 15-year-old neighbor Patricia Urbanski, who was babysitting her 2-year-old sister when he broke into her home. The heartless thug brutally raped the teen, then beat and stabbed her as her sibling wailed in helpless horror. King was caught, convicted and sent to jail, but it wasn't long before he was up to his old tricks.

In July 1996, the small, wiry jailbird waylaid corrections officer Elizabeth Jannetty, beat her into submission, stabbed her, stripped her and tried to walk out of the prison disguised as a guard.

The brazen inmate didn't get far before guards recognized him and slapped him into handcuffs. After discovering their bruised and battered colleague bound in a cell, the furious guards treated the woman-beater to a dose of his own medicine, the court found.

"After Mr. King was subdued, they took him to a remote part of the prison where waves of guards took turns beating him," said Pattis. "There were about 30 guards involved but we were only able to identify two of them."

After the beating, King filed suit in federal court. At the trial this February, his lawyer prevailed, convincing the jury that the guards had violated the prisoner's constitutional protection against cruel and unusual punishment. King was awarded a total of $2,975,000 in damages.

Despite widespread public outrage over the verdict, Pattis insists that justice was served.

"The jury was trying to deter other guards from behaving sadistically toward inmates," he said. "We didn't ask for sympathy for Mr. King. We asked them to determine whether the Constitution matters, and if so, Mr. King's case was the acid test because he's the least among us."

However, it's unlikely that the rich murderer will ever get to enjoy his huge windfall — he was already serving life without parole and got an extra 50 years for his attack on the guard.

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LONDON — A juror in famed Old Bailey court was [illegible]

MEET GEN. PATTON'S GAY TANK COMMANDER

By SCOTTY PAUL
Weekly World News

Sgt. Everett Neal was so busy helping legendary General George Patton blast the Nazis out of France in World War II he didn't have time to worry about someone finding out his terrible secret — that he was gay.

When Neal caught shrapnel in his left arm in 1944, the general stopped by his hospital bed and said, "That's the way to fight, soldier."

"That meant more to me than anything," said Neal.

"I was like any other soldier who had fought like hell. The general didn't know I was bisexual. I was there to kill Germans, just like him."

A highly decorated tank commander with Patton's 6th Armored Division, Neal received four Bronze Stars, five Battle Stars and a Purple Heart during his four-year Army stint.

"I get a little upset when I read all this crap that gays shouldn't serve in the military," he said from his apartment in Phoenix, Ariz. "I fought side by side with men I later found out were gay. I watched some of them get blown to bits fighting for their country.

"We watched out for each other's butts on the front lines. We didn't watch each other's butts. There was a war going on. We didn't want our brains blown out."

Neal said he went through hell during the war, worrying about the German Panzers and trying to hide the fact that he was gay.

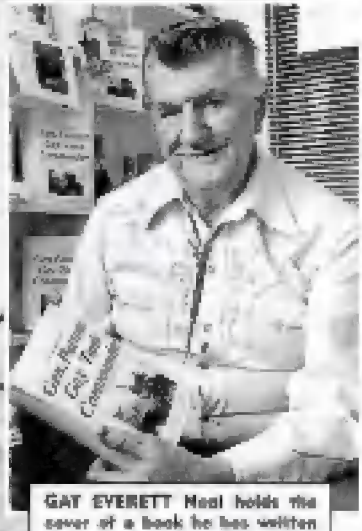
Gays and bisexuals were more common in the armed forces 50 years ago than people might think, according to Neal. The U.S. military's ban on homosexuals, then as now, compels gays and bisexuals to hide their life-styles.

"The FBI thought gays would give up secrets more readily than 'straight' soldiers if captured by the enemy," Neal said. "If my sexual tendencies had been known, I would have been declared a psychopath and drummed out of the service with a dishonorable discharge."

"The Army is not unlike any other big business. If you are a homosexual working in a big office or a factory, people may talk about you for a while. But eventually most of them will accept you."

Neal believes President Clinton will help gays as much as he can. As for Vice President Al Gore, he added, "He's a real cutie pie, ... and a southern boy.

GENERAL George S. Patton, upper left, never knew hero tank commander Everett Neal, shown below in an M-5 tank, was gay!



GAY EVERETT Neal holds the cover of a book he has written detailing his WW II experiences.

Homosexual GI earned 4 Bronze Stars, 5 Battle Stars and a Purple Heart fighting Nazis in WW II!

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Don't kick the tires . . . don't slam the door

HOW TO TELL

Cars have horoscopes just like people — and by studying them before you buy, you can be assured of getting the vehicle that's right for you!

To find out when a car was made, simply look for a sticker on the inside of the driver's side door. It's near the lock. The sticker tells you the exact month and year.

Unlike human horoscopes that are based on birthdates, car horoscopes are established month to month because the components used to make them are created and assembled over a period of weeks, not a single day.

Astrologer Judi Tramot, who's been charting cars for clients since 1967, says: "Throw away your consumer car books and don't even bother to kick the tires. All you need to know about any car is written in the stars.

"If the plate or decal that tells when the car was made has been removed or defaced, don't buy that car," she said. "Somebody is obviously trying to hide something. They don't want you to know the truth about the car."

Here is the French astrologer's star guide for both new and used cars. She strongly advises that you take the guide with you when you hit the car lots looking to buy.

ARIES (April): These cars are among the most reliable you can buy, but they do have aggravating characteristics. They commonly have squealing brakes and may be slow to start in the winter. Paint durability is not the best.

TAURUS (May): Taurean cars are strong, but cooling and electrical systems are troublesome.

Engines are more durable than most and withstand considerable abuse. Heaters and air conditioners are tip-top.

GEMINI (June): Cars manufactured under the sign of the twins tend to lead a dual life, running flawlessly one day and sputtering the next.

They are extremely durable, however, and with a little elbow grease and mechanical know-how, you can keep them on the road forever.

CANCER (July): Cancer cars tend to be well-crafted and rarely develop squeaks, leaks or rattles. On a low note, performance is middle-of-the-pack and power options are fickle.

LEO (August): These cars tend to be unreliable and have engine, brake and suspension woes. But they can be a good buy if the price is right and you do very little driving.

VIRGO (September): Cars built under the sign of Virgo are excellent highway cruisers but perform poorly in stop-and-go traffic. Clutch problems are a real nuisance. Best purchased with an automatic transmission.

LIBRA (October): Libran cars are "born to run" and are top choices for hard-driving teens and hot-rodders.

Excellent paint, but leaks and rattles are a given for autos

By RICHARD STACK
Weekly World News

Mole attacks on the rise — 19 dead!

Nineteen people died in the United States last year as a result of attacks by a deadly new breed of mole!

"These animals are ferocious," said an Agriculture Department investigator. "They are quite capable of chewing the flesh off a victim's bones, especially when they attack in groups."

Purse-snatch tragedy!

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Ex-con Jacques Fromart, 41, was being pursued by police after snatching a woman's purse on a downtown street. But the chase came to a tragic end when an unsuspecting workman emerged from a man-

. . . look to the stars!

YOUR CAR'S HOROSCOPE!

Astrologer says auto's birth date is the best way to find DEALS ON WHEELS!

made under the sign of the scales.

SCORPIO (November): These cars combine reliability, performance and durability to rate among the best of all autos.

They tend to guzzle more gas than other cars, but they are still considered the "best bet" for any driver.

SAGITTARIUS (December): Sagittarian cars are timid performers regardless of engine size and are slightly less reliable than average.

The good news is these autos love long trips, so they are best-suited for people who like to travel.

But beware, they tend to be sluggish in city driving.

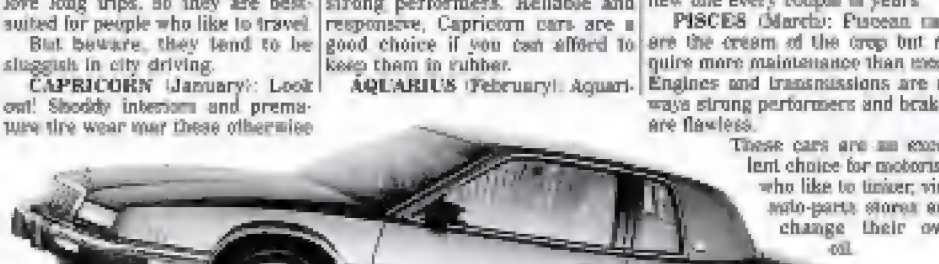
CAPRICORN (January): Look out! Shoddy interiors and premature tire wear mar these otherwise strong performers. Reliable and responsive, Capricorn cars are a good choice if you can afford to keep them in rubber.

AQUARIUS (February): Aquarian cars are slick performers and are extremely reliable in the short run. Rust can be a problem and dashboard readouts tend to be inaccurate.

These cars are a great buy for people who plan to trade in for a new one every couple of years.

PISCES (March): Piscean cars are the cream of the crop but require more maintenance than most. Engines and transmissions are always strong performers and brakes are flawless.

These cars are an excellent choice for motorists who like to tinker, visit auto-parts stores and change their own oil.



Dozens hurt in riot over sex-boosting tangerines!

LIMA, Peru — Dozens of people were hurt in a [illegible] after we opened [illegible] fruit salesman said.

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Why does Daddy keep a balloon in his wallet?

BOBBY in Pennsylvania.

Dear Dotti: The other day I asked my mom for some money to buy candy and she told me to get a dollar out of Daddy's wallet. When I got the dollar I dropped the wallet and everything fell out, including the biggest balloon I've ever seen. It was wrapped in plastic, too. I started to ask Dad about it but something told me I better not. Now I'm dying to find out why he carries a balloon around with him. Just so you'll know, I'm 11 years old. — Bobby in Pennsylvania

Dear Bobby: Your mother is in a far better position to answer this question than I am. Show her this letter and I'm SURE you'll get the skinny as soon as she confronts your dad!

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Dear Baffled Wife in California: Lots of married men come home with lipstick smeared on their thighs, stomach, back, neck and feet. Don't worry about it!

Dear Punk in New Jersey: Being ugly is bad enough — but you're ignorant, too!

Dear Smoked Up in Arizona: If marijuana is so mind-expanding and life-improving, why are you holed up in a cold-water shack and living off welfare checks?

Dear Dummy in Connecticut: That's what you get for marrying a ventriloquist!

Dear High-Handed in Florida: Fork you!

Dear Homeless Teen in Tennessee: You should have thought about that before you fell in love with your daddy's new wife!

Dear Going Places in Texas: Riding the back of a garbage truck is hardly what I'd call "climbing the corporate ladder!"

Dear Excited Kid in Nebraska: Getting on track is one thing. Avoiding the locomotive is another!

My hubby loves his computer — not me!

Dear Dotti: I'm a 42-year-old computer widow. My husband is a computer operator for the power company and he not only works long, 10-hour shifts, but when he gets home he makes a beeline for his own computer and stays on it until it's time for bed. I try to make myself interesting to him by wearing all kinds of sexy outfits but he doesn't even notice. In fact, we might as well be strangers living in different homes. I don't know how to compete with a computer, Dotti. What should I do? — Jane in Oregon

JANE in Oregon.

Dear Jane: You should have known that something like this would happen when you married a nerd. To rectify the situation, stop whining — and find yourself a backdoor man!

Mom has 23 cats — and they're all pregnant!

Dear Dotti: My mother is cat crazy. I mean it. She has 23 of the dama things and she gives them the run of her house. Even worse, she refuses to have them spayed — and as God is my witness, every single one of them is pregnant. So, I am worried about her living in all this filth. When I mention getting rid of the cats, she flies off the handle and calls me a "bad son." I need some advice, Dotti. And I need it fast. What should I do? — Disgusted in Rhode Island

Dear Disgusted: Cut all ties with your mother now. She's crazy as a loon!

Everybody thinks I look like actress Demi Moore!

Dear Dotti: All my friends are constantly telling me that I'm a dead ringer for Demi Moore. To tell you the truth, I don't see much of a resemblance. But my friends are always encouraging me to try to get into the movies myself. I'm writing to you for an impartial opinion. Do you think I look like Demi Moore? — Helen in New Mexico

HELEN in New Mexico.

Dear Helen: Your so-called friends are lying through their teeth. The fact is, you're even uglier than she is — and without extensive cosmetic surgery, you always will be!

Idiot boyfriend gave me flowers for my birthday!

Dear Dotti: I've been dating a guy for six weeks, and you won't believe what the fool gave me for my birthday — flowers! I'm not joking. Frank actually had the gall to waste $185 on three dozen roses when he could have forked over the cash and let me buy something I really wanted. I justifiably pitched a fit. Instead of wising up, he started pouting and hasn't spoken to me since. What can I do to make sure this never happens again? — Fran in Arkansas

FRAN in Arkansas.

Dear Fran: You can avoid this problem in the future, slut, by blowing your stupid brains out!

I left the man I love

from New York to Missouri, leaving behind the only man I ever loved. He's serving time in prison for burglary, assault, carrying a concealed weapon and interstate flight. After being in Missouri for just one week, I began receiving letters saying he loved me and wanted me to have his child. Unfortunately, I have found another man. I wrote my ex and told him we were through. My new man is wonderful. He treats me like a queen and I think I love him. Did I make the right choice? — Jen in Missouri

JEN in Missouri.

Dear Jen: If you don't know the answer to your own question, fool, you're beyond help!

Here's how YOU can write DOTTI PHILLIPS

Send Los Angeles-based Dotti a letter, and a picture if possible — and let her tell it like it is. Write to Dear Dotti, c/o Weekly World News, 600 East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33464-9002. We'll forward your letters by air. NOTE: Even though

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Oklahoma housewife's wa

'SPACE ALIEN MY HUBBY I

IN HAPPIER days: Frank and Alice Drommaneyer.

CLOSE-UP photo of bug alleged to be Frank, a 34-year-old liquor salesman.

TULSA, Okla. — Housewife Alice Drommaneyer, 33, says she and her husband Frank were attacked and mugged by space aliens — who turned her husband into a cockroach!

The distraught young wife says the extraterrestrials assaulted Frank on the street and turned him into a bug when he refused to give up his wallet.

"I tried to call it a complaint on 911 but they kept hanging up on me like I was a prankster," says Alice, who insists the roach she keeps in a mayonnaise jar is actually her husband.

"Frankly, I'm afraid to pursue it because I'm worried they're going to think I'm crazy and put me away. Then who's going to take care of Frank?" Alice says she contacted *Weekly World News* because she believes a story about her bizarre experience might help ease her plight.

By LISA MERAKIS
Weekly World News

She's hoping other *NEWS* readers who may have been attacked by the same alien gang will be willing to contact her to share their experiences. Alice says the horrifying crime occurred around 10 p.m. on December 21 while she and Frank were shopping for Christmas presents.

The couple were on their way to a parking area where they'd left their car when they were accosted by four little green creatures.

"They just popped out of nowhere and blocked our path," Alice recalled.

"They looked so strange, with big eyes and shiny, leathery skin.

"We thought they were going to be friendly, but one of them pulled a gun and we knew we were in trouble.

"I gave them my purse right away, but Frank wouldn't cooperate. I begged him to

NASA secretly launched 6 children into

WASHINGTON — NASA rocketed six children into deep space late last summer on a suicide mission that could result in criminal indictments against key figures in the space agency before the year is out!

By ROY CAINE
Weekly World News

That's the word from Justice Department sources who say NASA has been under investigation in connection with the alleged launch since a whistleblower stepped forward with the charges last October.

to prove there is intelligent life on other planets.

In the words of one source, "NASA is convinced that extraterrestrials monitor space shuttle missions and they fell sure space. But the kids were not rescued — they're still traveling into space. And if somebody doesn't do something soon, it's going to be too late."

Dr. Glenn MacEntish, a fierce critic of NASA and author of a forthcoming book on the secret launch, said: "If the allegations are true, and there is strong reason to believe that they are, then the entire future

Dr. MacEntish.

missions are not only morally wrong, they are almost certainly criminal.

"The fact that NASA sent children on the mission instead of adult astronauts because they figured extraterrestrials would be more inclined to help kids makes the situation even worse," Dr. MacEntish said. "These are dark days for NASA indeed."

investigation. But sources insist that NASA secretly launched four boys and two girls, ages 9 to 14, into orbit aboard a space shuttle last August. After it circled the planet for the better part of two days, ground control took command of the shuttle — and steered it into the icy vastness of space.

It is unclear whether the child astronauts knew they were leaving Earth forever or if NASA lied to them outright.

...icky claim takes the cake!

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...MONSTERS TURNED ...NTO A COCKROACH!'

give them his wallet, but he thought they were so small he could put up a fight."

Alice says the space aliens jumped Frank and beat him, then stole his wallet and forced a slimy liquid down his throat.

The E.T. attackers ran off, she says, but it was too late for her husband. He began writhing in agony and started shrinking right before her eyes.

Within minutes, the 34-year-old liquor salesman had turned into a cockroach approximately two inches long.

Alice says she captured the bug and stashed it in her purse, then put it in a mayonnaise jar when she got home. "People think I'm crazy, but I know that bug is Frank and I feel strongly that something ought to be done to help him," Alice said. "That's why it's so important to me that people who have had this happen to them get in touch with me.

"I feel like I can't do anything on my own because nobody will believe me, but that together we can make people listen. Then maybe we can find these things and put them in jail where they belong — and force them to tell us how to bring Frank back to normal."

Readers who want to share their personal alien encounters can write to Alice c/o *Weekly World News*, 600 East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33464-0002.

ABOVE: Grieving wife Alice holds up jar containing the cockroach she claims is her husband Frank.
BELOW: A computer sketch of space alien attacker described by Alice.

...space!

"The shuttle was apparently loaded with enough supplies to last several years and from all indications, the children are still alive," said Dr. Mar-Enuigh.

"But the situation is touch and go — and there isn't much time left. If space aliens don't rescue these children, we will have to.

"Either way, something has to be done. And I just hope that the [illegible]

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Ted 'THE MONSTER' Bundy was fried to a crisp 10 years ago...

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Weekly World News

It was 10 long years ago that suave, handsome serial killer Ted Bundy fried in Florida's electric chair, but those whose lives were touched by his deadly six-state rampage have not yet been able to rid themselves of the ghost of the evil sex slayer.

Friends and relatives of his many victims are still haunted by recurring nightmares, depression, fear of strangers and feelings of guilt. Some are plagued by the gnawing idea that if they had only done something different they might have been able to prevent the charming, smooth-talking maniac from taking their loved ones' lives.

Susan Denise was a student at Florida State University in Tallahassee in January 1978 when Bundy committed one of his bloodiest atrocities — raiding a sorority house and attacking the residents, clubbing them with an oak limb, biting them, raping them and leaving two dead. She lived down the hall from the murder victims, Lisa Levy and Margaret Bowman, and still shivers at the memory of the grisly scene.

"There probably isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of Lisa and Margaret," Susan told the Associated Press. "When you think about how close it occurred, you think 'Why was it their room and not ours?'"

Ted's reign of terror lasted for four years, from January 4, 1974 to February 15, 1978 and he eventually confessed to murdering more than 30 victims. He stalked pretty young women in Washington, Oregon, Utah, Idaho, and Colorado before being snared in Florida for the sorority sister killings.

Sickeningly, the youngest victim, Kimberly Diane Leach, was just 12 years old. She was abducted from outside her school in Lake City, Fla., sexually brutalized and left dead in a deserted hog shed. Her family now struggles on, ever pained by the absence of their beloved daughter.

Also still a victim: Carol DaRonch of Utah, who miraculously escaped Bundy's clutches in 1978. She will never outlive the fear instilled into the marrow of her bones by her brush with death.

Even lawmen who accompanied Ted on his last journey to the electric chair in Florida's Raiford Prison were haunted by the experience.

Bill Hagmaier, chief of the FBI's National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crimes, was with Ted during his final days on Death Row.

"We had some discussions about morality and the taking of another's life and his concerns about trying to explain to God about his actions," Hagmaier recalled in an interview.

Bundy soon had some serious explaining to do indeed. On January 24, 1989, an executioner threw a switch and sent 2,000 volts shooting through his body, killing him instantly.

A PICTURE OF INNOCENCE, left, Ted Bundy confessed to more than 30 murders and was fried in Florida's electric chair, above. Eight of his victims are shown right, from top, Roberta Kathleen Parks, Susan Elaine Rancourt, Georgann Hawkins, Brenda Carol Ball, Lisa Levy, Gail Manson, Margaret Bowman & Kimberly Leach.

BUT THE FAMILIES OF HIS VICTIMS WILL NEVER FORGET!

Is Lucille Ball's ghost haunting our television?

Dear Serena: My husband and I think Lucille Ball's ghost is haunting our television set.

LYDIA in Jamestown.

Every night after we turn off the TV we hear Lucy's voice coming from the screen. We have tried unplugging the set but that doesn't make her voice go away. I was always a big Lucy fan and I clearly recognize that it is her voice reciting some of the funniest lines from the old *I Love Lucy* shows. Serena, it scares me having a ghost in my house — even if it is Lucy. Is there any way to get rid of this ghost? — Lydia in Jamestown

Dear Lydia: The ghost of Lucille Ball is indeed in your television set. There have been many reported sightings of Lucy's ghost lately and it is obvious she has a very active spirit. But instead of trying to get the ghost out of your television, you might want to consider donating the set to a researcher in California who is studying the Lucy sightings. I have sent your name and address to him and he will soon contact you.

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Dear Serena: I have been out of work for a little more than four months and I'm thinking about looking for a new job. But I don't want to waste a lot of time going to a lot of interviews for jobs I won't get, so why don't you look into your crystal ball and tell me which job I'm going to get? It would sure save me a lot of time and trouble. — Ben in Albany

BEN in Albany.

Dear Ben: I must tell you that it will be many years before you are offered a job you are willing to accept. The best bet for you is to go back and apologize to your father and ask him to give you another shot in his company. And don't lie to him — he is fully aware of how much of the company's money you stole when you worked for him last year.

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Dear Serena: Is my fiancee going to back out of our wedding? She's been hinting that she's getting cold feet and might want to postpone the whole thing. I'm afraid she'll wait until the day before the wedding or maybe even the day of the wedding and then do something stupid. Please tell me what's going to happen, Serena. I don't want to be humiliated in front of my family and friends. — Eric in Twin Falls

ERIC in Twin Falls.

Dear Eric: She won't back out. But the two of you need to sit down and hash out some of the problems you have now. If you don't straighten out some things, especially the way her flirting makes you jealous, your marriage won't last a day longer than two years.

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Dear Serena: Will I be able to make a good living as a clockmaker? My grandfather was a clockmaker but my dad was a typewriter salesman. I've considering starting my own clockmaking shop to cater to rich folks who want their own personalized, fancy clocks. Can I make any money in this business? — Eager in Palm Springs

Dear Eager: You can make a lot of money as a clockmaker, but the building you are looking to rent some space in is not the best one for you. It is not in good condition and will be condemned later this year. Run the business out of your home for the first six months, then you'll have a great opportunity to rent a nice place.

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Dear Serena: Last week I gave my minister a painting that I did of him. He said he liked it but I'm afraid it wasn't all that good. I almost didn't give it to him. Does he really like it? Will he hang it up at his home? — Alice in San Diego

ALICE in San Diego.

Dear Alice: He loved it and it's already hanging in his home. Very few know your minister is color-blind, so don't be concerned about the color problems you had in the painting.

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Dear Serena: Was I a baker in a former life? Sometimes I'm inspired to cook these delicious cakes and I never have to use a cookbook. — Curious in Ordway

Dear Curious: Yes, you were a baker in France back in the 1840s.

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PERSONAL TO. . .

Jealous in Dalhart: Yes, there is a man who is interested in you — and you'll meet him at your sister's wedding.

Thankful in Ames: You're welcome. I'm always happy to give stock market advice to someone who's willing to give so much money to charity.

Undecided in Halifax: No, don't buy the car — it's been wrecked twice.

Fortune-Teller

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WHAT is your secret message from the Orient this week? It's easy and fun to decipher. Here's the key to decoding your message:

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ARE YOU A CLOSET VAMPIRE?

10 surefire ways to tell if you're a bloodsucker!

By MIKE FOSTER
Weekly World News

You may be a vampire and not even know it, experts warn!

Many people are born with a physiological predisposition to become bloodsuckers, but spend most of their lives fighting and denying their instinctive urges, according to the researchers.

Vampires guzzle human blood "because they have the need to drink it — it's called hemotomania," Joel Martin, director of the Vampire Research Center in Babylon, N.Y., said in an interview.

"We believe that this craving is not psychological — it's physical."

Some vampires heartily accept their weird craving and either drink the blood of willing donors, seize it from hapless victims or steal it from sources such as blood banks.

But other people who are natural-born vampires live in denial, afraid to come out of the closet and confess their bloodlust to their loved ones — or even to themselves.

You can find out if you're one of these closet vampires by taking the following simple quiz, based on a list of telltale signs provided by the experts. Simply answer each question below yes or no.

(1) Are you a "night person" and dislike strong sunlight?

(2) Are you a loner and tend to be secretive?

(3) Are you pale and supermodel-thin?

(4) Do you naturally look younger than you are?

(5) Do you have elongated (canine) eyeteeth?

(6) Do you sometimes feel the urge to drink a couple of drops of blood?

(7) Do you have a voracious appetite for rare meat and an aversion to garlic?

(8) Have you always been interested in vampires?

(9) Do you love dressing in black?

(10) Have you tried to land a job at a hospital or blood bank?

If you answered yes to five or more of these questions, you are probably a closet vampire — and your craving for blood will probably grow increasing irresistable in the years to come.

For a copy of the researchers' complete vampire evaluation form, write to Joel Martin, Vampire Research Center, P.O. Box 5442, Babylon, N.Y. 11707.

METAL ROCKER Vlad claims he takes a smidgen of blood from his wife's thigh once a week.

Gal kills hubby with a glass of water!

BADEN, Switzerland — A man who was running away from his wife because she was trying to throw a glass of water on him didn't watch where he was going — and accidentally fell over a 310-foot cliff!

Witnesses say Anna Kijur was playfully chasing her husband Franz, 36, with the water when the tragedy occurred.

No charges were filed against the distraught wife, Swiss newspapers report.

CLARIFICATION

A photograph of famed actress Marlee Matlin was used in conjunction with a news story in our February 19 issue regarding a sexual assault that occurred in Pittsfield, Mass.

Unfortunately, the use of her photo — a scene from the movie *Children of a Lesser God* — gave the mistaken impression to some of our readers that Ms. Matlin might be the subject of the article.

It was not our [illegible] to imply in any way that Ms. Matlin was connected with this tragic attack and we are sorry for our lack of clarity. We apologize to Ms. Matlin [illegible]

BARE-BOTTOMED BOXER KO'ed BEFORE FIRST PUNCH WAS THROWN!

BARCELONA, Spain — A nervous boxer was disqualified before his match even started — when he took off his robe and revealed he didn't have anything on underneath!

He was so nervous before the fight — HE FORGOT TO PUT HIS SHORTS ON!

Bare-butt Salvatori Valdez ran back to the locker room as a surprised crowd of more than 4,000 fans howled in laughter. The humiliated fighter refused to come back out to the ring and was forced to forfeit.

His trainer Jose Olanzi told reporters he shared the blame for his fighter's shocking predicament.

"Sal is a fine boxer but he has problems with his nerves sometimes," Olanzi said. "He [illegible] everything that is necessary.

"I should have stayed with him every moment before the fight to make sure he was fully dressed and prepared.

"Once he went to the wrong arena," Olanzi said. "Another [illegible] was stumbling around out there like a blind man.

"That time he was knocked out in the first round. This time he didn't even make it that far."

According to ringside witnesses, Valdez didn't seem to realize he was pantless when he first pulled off his robe.

"One or two women screamed and everyone began laughing," a witness recalled. "He looked down and realized he had no pants on and not even a jock strap. And the fact that he was [illegible]

The embarrassed heavyweight immediately ducked through the ropes and raced back to the locker room. For nearly 15 minutes Olanzi and boxing officials tried to talk him into putting his trunks on and coming back to the ring, but it was useless.

"He said there was no way he was going out there in front of those people," Olanzi said. "I don't know if I'll ever get him to box again."

The match was awarded to [illegible]

MAN COLLECTS 119 LBS. OF LINT — FROM HIS BELLY BUTTON!

OLDSTER Steve Bangelan proudly displays his overflowing trash can full of fuzz plucked from his navel.

By RANDY JEFFRIES / Weekly World News

MUNCIE, Ind. — For 52 years Steve Bangelan has dedicated himself to one thing: Collecting the lint from his navel. And he's managed to save an incredible 119 pounds of the stuff!

"I don't know exactly how it started," says the retired plumber.

"One night back in 1947 I noticed some lint from my T-shirt had lodged in my belly button. The trash can was too far away so I just put it on the dresser beside my bed and forgot about it.

"I did the same thing the next night and the next and the next.

"Pretty soon I had a real big gob of it. For some reason it fascinated me so much I just couldn't throw it out.

"I cleared out a dresser drawer and started saving it in there. In five years the drawer was more than half full. I started deliberately wearing really fluffy shirts so more would collect in my navel.

"In nine years I had so much it wouldn't fit in the drawer anymore. So I got a big trash can and started keeping it in there," Bangelan said.

The trash can is now overflowing and Bangelan, 76, says he has no plans to stop collecting the lint from his navel. His wife Lucille says she's gotten used to it by now. "It was real disgusting at first," she said.

"But after he'd been saving the stuff awhile, I stopped paying attention.

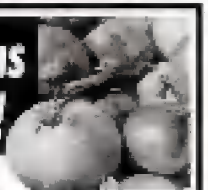
"To me it's just a hobby like collecting stamps."

CLOSE-UP of Bangelan picking a lint ball out of his belly button. He stores his collection in the trash can, left.

SUPPORTIVE WIFE Lucille Bangelan.

Retired plumber saves yucky stuff for 52 years!

How to peel onions without the tears!



You'll weep no more while peeling onions if you follow these tips for protecting your eyes:

✓Refrigerate the onions before peeling or chopping to cut down on irritating fumes and odor.

✓Clamp a piece of white bring tears to your eyes.

✓Toss the onion root. That's where the sulfuric fumes are concentrated.

✓Strike a wooden match, blow it out and then hold the unbursed end between your

Man's head chopped off by ceiling fan!

SAN JULIAN, Argentina — Inventor Hector Pena spent four years developing a super-powered ceiling fan for factories — only to have it slice off his head when his wife turned on the power while he adjusted it!

Pena had been com-

that would cool steamy South American factories.

He attached an airplane engine and propeller to the ceiling of his laboratory

his invention and the room had grown dark when his wife Maria walked in.

Wanting to give her husband more light, Mrs. Pena flicked on the master power switch, not realizing the fan was connected to it.

Police reports say her

STUDY REVEALS:

People would rather go to Hell than live without TV!

A new study shows seven out of 10 people would rather spend six months in Hell than spend six months of their lives with no TV!

More than 7,000 Americans responded to a questionnaire covering a variety of aspects of Christian life.

WORST FLU OF THE DECADE SWEEPING U.S.!

If you think this year's flu bug has been particularly nasty, you're right — experts say the epidemic sweeping America is the worst of this decade!

Doctors say the flu has caused countless deaths across the country and is particularly dangerous for the elderly and those with weakened immune systems.

Among the symptoms to watch for are fever, a cough, nausea and vomiting. If your temperature shoots up to 103 degrees, it's definitely time to seek medical help, experts say.

Fighting with your spouse raises your blood pressure!

SALT LAKE CITY — Arguing with your husband or wife can send your blood pressure soaring. But there's a way to quarrel with your mate and still avoid hypertension: Either win or lose every time!

A brand-new University of Utah study found that couples who identified their mates as being either clearly more domi-

PUCKER POWER: Crowds stand in line for hours hoping to be smooched by Tony the orangutan.

Ape's kiss brings folks good luck!

By GEORGE PIKE
Weekly World News

LOS ANGELES — Crowds are standing in line for hours hoping to be kissed by Tony the orangutan — after amazing reports that the ape's liplocks bring good luck!

ANIMAL keeper Andy Sarmann.

"It all started after Tony kissed one woman and she won $4 million in a lottery just a couple of days later," said Andy Sarmann, who manages the animal park where Tony lives. "They interviewed the woman on television after she won and she said she got lucky because she'd been kissed by an orangutan.

"At first I didn't believe her but since then some pretty incredible things have happened," Sarmann said.

"When Tony kissed the first woman it was just because she got too close to his cage and he grabbed her and gave her a big smooch," he said. "Now people are crowding around the cage all

grew after several other people were kissed and later had incredible strokes of luck. Some of the lucky folks include:

"I got a big promotion!" — William Reth

■ William Reth, who says he was promoted to vice president of his company three days after he was kissed by Tony.

"I was really stunned because I didn't think I had a chance at getting the job," Reth said. "Tony really changed my life."

● Emily Wardson, who claims the day after she was kissed by Tony her painful arthritis was miraculously cured.

"I lived with this arthritis for years and then it just disappeared the day after I only explanation is that the monkey did it for me."

● An unidentified man who reportedly won $770,000 in Las Vegas the weekend after being kissed by Tony.

"That fellow's a good friend of mine and I promised him I wouldn't tell the press his name," Sarmann said.

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Mad dog kills 13 people before being shot dead!

CALI, Colombia — After a string of mutilations and murders terrorized local citizens, cops finally nabbed the culprit — a giant German shepherd!

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"The bodies were badly mutilated because the dog was chewing on them," said embarrassed police officer Manuel Caliendo. "We have

EEK!

Mouse sends ballerina up lamp pole!

PARIS — Photographer Michael Clement snapped what he calls "the picture of a lifetime" when ballerina Catherine Dumont started to flick on a floor lamp during a photo session — and encountered a white mouse!

BALLERINA Catherine Dumont.

The 24-year-old woman reacted with a start, leaping up into the lamp and clinging to the pole for dear life.

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By ROBERT CUNNINGHAM / Weekly World News

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Funeral home sawed off dead man's head so he'd fit into smaller coffin!

PISA, Italy — Shell-shocked widow Maria Modugno is suing a funeral home for sawing off her dead husband's head and tucking it between his legs to make accommodate Antonio Modugno's 6-foot-9 body. But when she attended the closed-casket funeral, she noticed the coffin was too short to contain the lanky corpse.

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SEXOLOGIST
Dr. Nils Varborg

You lose a day off your life every time you have sex . . . says new study!

By BEATRICE DEXTER / *Weekly World News*

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Lovemaking may be one of the greatest pleasures there is, but it accelerates aging, an expert says — and lops years off your life!

Incredibly, every sexual encounter subtracts 1.2 days from a person's life, according to top sexologist Dr. Nils Varborg. That means people who have sex twice a week between the ages of 20 and 60 cut their lives short by a staggering 13.7 years.

"You are born with a finite amount of energy, and sex uses it up," the noted scientist and author contends.

"Making love increases blood pressure and heart rate, burns hundreds of calories and causes hormonal surges that take a toll on the body.

"While I don't for a moment suggest that people give up sex in order to live longer, I do think they should be aware of its cost in physical terms."

The sexologist says his shocking theory is based on research involving 433 couples. Dr. Varborg and his colleagues gave the men and women detailed physical examinations before and after they made love.

They compared their subjects' physical states from month to month as well, taking careful notes on their frequency of intercourse.

"We found there was a steady physical decline among men and women who engaged in sex frequently — and that this decline bore a direct relationship to the number of sexual encounters they enjoyed," Dr. Varborg told a symposium here on February 24. "Our measurements of their physical state showed that with every act of sex, subjects in effect aged — they were approximately 1.2 days older upon completing each lovemaking session.

"We found that subjects essentially lost 1.2 days off their lifespans no matter what form of sex they enjoyed, how long it took or who they had sex with. It seems to be a purely physical effect."

Dr. Varborg says that a healthy lifestyle and good quality of life demands a little sex from time to time, but cautions couples they'd be better off if they restricted lovemaking to once a week.

"That way, most people will lose only a couple of years from their total lifespans overall," he says.

"That seems a reasonable price to pay for the pleasures of sex."

Man survives car crash — but dies minutes later when utility pole falls on his head!

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — A man survived without a scratch when he crashed his car head-on into a tree — but was killed standing in the street a few minutes later when a utility pole fell on his head!

Luckless Hernan Herrera was waiting for his ride to come pick him up when another car ran into some fallen power lines. That pulled down the pole that bonked Herrera, killing him instantly.

Jury: Twelve people

Bedroom beauty!

When shapely Suzanna Brando isn't working as one of the top lingerie models in Europe she stays busy learning new languages. This brainy lass is fluent in English, Ger-

HONEY-BAKED BIMBO!

Exotic dancer burns to death during fiery act

By TANYA BRODER / *Weekly World News*

MIAMI, Fla. — Exotic dancer Betty Louise Frule popped out of a flaming centerpiece at a fancy banquet — and died in a fiery blaze when her feathered costume went up like a torch!

The busty 35-year-old blonde was pronounced dead at the scene. Authorities say the blaze apparently started when her size-38DD bosom accidentally came into contact with the specially constructed centerpiece. She suffered third-degree burns over 95 percent of her body, authorities said.

"She was soaking her way out of the centerpiece, wiggling her hips and waving her arms around and everybody was really wowed by her act," said a witness, bartender Emilio Parnez.

"Then all of a sudden she, like, lost her rhythm and just started sort of snapping around. We thought that she was getting carried away with the music.

"Pretty soon some of the guys noticed that the feathers around her bosom were burning and most of those little feathery things that were hanging off her costume were smoking.

"A couple of guys jumped up and ran for the fire extinguishers, but by that time she was already burning like she'd been doused with gasoline.

"She was just blazing and hopping around and screaming."

Bystanders poured pitchers of water on her and blasted her with fire extinguishers, witnesses say, but they were too late to save the woman's life. By the time the fire went out, she was severely burned.

Officials say the dead woman had given her pyrotechnic performance dozens of times before with no problems. But for her act on the evening of her death, the dancer had used a new carpenter who apparently got the measurements for the centerpiece wrong.

"They say she was supposed to come right up the middle of the burning centerpiece on a little elevator platform," said Parnez. "But you could see it was a tight squeeze and she was having some trouble getting out.

"Then all of a sudden she was flailing and yelling and everything. It was horrible."

BUSTY BLONDE Betty died after the feathers on her 38DD bosom ignited and started burning out of control.

SEXY Betty Frule died from extensive burns suffered during her exotic dance act.

BARTENDER Emilio Parnez.

This age of the miniskirt will go down in history as being on a par with the invention of the steamboat. As Robert Fulton said, "We no longer have to wait for the wind to blow."

Victim forced to pay $5G to burglar he shot!

NOTTINGHAM, England — A terrified old man was simply trying to protect his home when he shot and wounded a burglar — but a judge ordered him to pay the punk $5,500 in damages.

Judge Richard Rougier said aging Ted Newbury should have crouched on the floor to try to scare Mark Revill and another intruder away instead of firing his shotgun at them.

Instead, Newbury fired through a hole in the shed where he lived and shot Revill in the arm and chest.

Revill was later jailed for six months after pleading guilty to a lesser charge of [illegible] and other offenses.

Newbury, a retired hospital worker, was acquitted of a weapons charge.

He had reinforced his shed with metal plates, padlocks and holes big enough to fit his shotgun through.

Judge Rougier said it was a "shattering experience" to be awakened by Revill and the other intruder and to hear them threaten him.

But "to fire a gun when you

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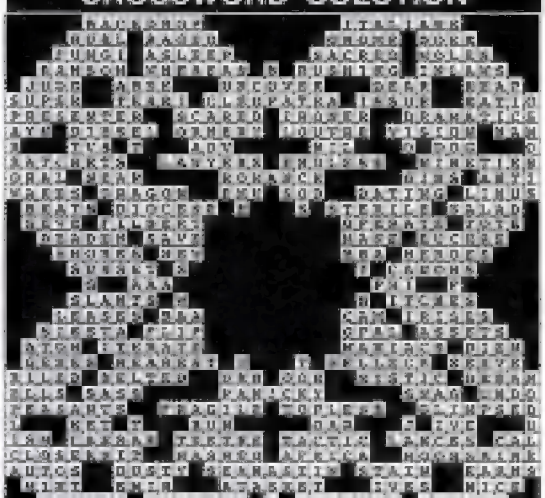
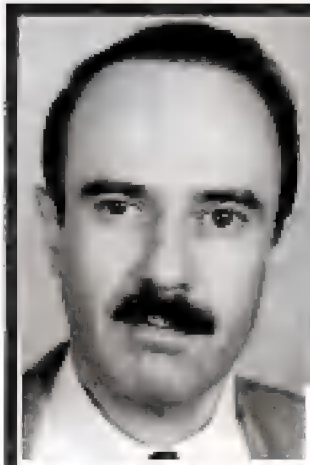


'I SURVIVED THE HORRIBLE ISLAMIC GAY TEST'



Todd Lomsby

American writer's shocking story of survival — in his own words!

Travel writer Todd Lomsby of San Francisco is a red-blooded, heterosexual male, but he was charged with being gay by religious fanatics in Afghanistan and forced to undergo a grueling trial by ordeal. The 38-year-old bachelor had to stand in front of a brick wall as soldiers used a tank to send it crashing down on him. If he died, he was guilty — if Allah spared him, he was innocent. Here, exclusively for *Weekly World News* readers, is his own story of survival.

By TODD LOMSBY

"Allah, forgive us — do not let us die in this horrible way!"

The two bearded Afghani men next to me were muttering feverishly, their eyes wide with panic, as we stood with our backs braced against the 12-foot brick wall, waiting for the impact of the tank ramming it from the other side.

My hands were tied and running was not an option. To do so would be an admission of guilt and would earn me a bullet in the brain from the Taliban soldiers who stood a few yards away.

I heard the rumble of the tank growing louder and louder as it approached from behind, and I began to feel an uncontrollable rush of fear. Like the quivering, weeping suspects beside me, I started to pray as never before — as the tank struck and the wall came tumbling down.

Who would ever have thought that me, girl-crazy Todd Lomsby, the guy chicks back in high school nicknamed The Make-out King, would ever have to prove he wasn't gay?

I'd been captain of the football team and I still keep in shape. That's why in the sweltering heat of noonday Pule-e-Charkhi, Afghanistan, I'd gone out to do some aerobic activity, race-walking.

I should have guessed it wouldn't be long before my [illegible] would catch the eyes of the Taliban militiamen who enforce Islamic laws. I was taken in for questioning at an office, where a stoolie claimed he'd seen a man leave my hotel room before dawn. When I mentioned that I lived in San Francisco, that put the final nail in my coffin.

"Isn't that where American homosexuals come from?" an official asked me.

Despite my protests, I was thrown in jail as a suspected "sodomite."

The next day, I was dragged out to a remote, bombed-out area for my trial by ordeal.

This was Islamic justice at its simplest: You're placed in front of a brick wall and the Taliban soldiers use a tank to tip it over on you. After 30 minutes, they remove the rubble and if you survive, you're a free man. If not, you're pronounced guilty.

Next to me were two other suspects — one an old man accused of having seduced a 14-year-old boy, the other an accused male prostitute. We were put against the wall and the tank hit it from behind with full force.

When those bricks came tumbling down on me, I felt like every bone in my body was being shattered.

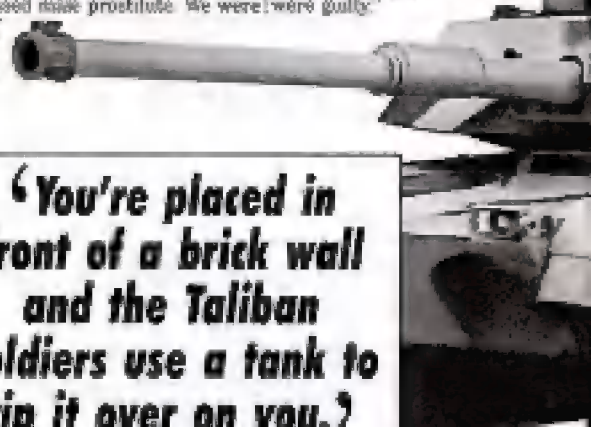
I fell to the ground and what must have been a ton of bricks landed on top of me.

Everything went pitch black. Yet somehow, among the hundreds of bricks, air was making its way through and I could breathe. After what seemed like an eternity, I heard the sound of a bulldozer being used to remove the rubble.

Moments later, I was being dragged to my feet. I was alive!

I was told my fellow suspects weren't so lucky — when the guards dug them out, they were both dead. One had a broken neck, the other had suffocated.

"That proves it," a Taliban official told me as he signed my release papers. "They were guilty."



'You're placed in front of a brick wall and the Taliban soldiers use a tank to tip it over on you.'

Study: More gals than guys can recall living before as the opposite sex!

By ANN VICTORIA / *Weekly World News*

Females report leading past lives as men more often than males report being women in previous lives, experts have found.

In one study, world-famous reincarnation researcher Dr. Ian Stevenson studied 220 youngsters who he concluded remembered their past lives.

Eighteen children remembered being the opposite sex in their former lives — 14 girls and only 4 boys, according to Dr. Stevenson, a psychiatrist.

And psychic researcher Francis Steiger says that in hundreds of hypnotic regressions she's observed, "Many more women reported being men in their previous lives than men reported being women.

"In the past, we lived in a very male-oriented society. Men controlled things. They were able to travel from city to city as they pleased. They had a wide variety of jobs.

"Women were limited to raising children. They stayed at home within the family structure.

"Men lived far more exciting lives than women, so it's

are closer to the surface of our past-life memories and easier to tap into. It's harder to remember a past life when it was dull."

Fisherman uses cooler as lifeboat

CANCUN, Mexico — A fisherman's life was saved after his boat sank — when he sat in his oversized Styrofoam cooler and used its lid to paddle more than four miles back to shore!

Quick-thinking Juan Bracio emptied his six-foot-long, two-foot-wide cooler after his

STATE-OF-THE-ART bionics and computer chips will soon be available to the general public.

COMPUTERIZED BODY PARTS WILL TURN NORMAL FOLKS INTO SUPER ATHLETES!

By MIKE FOSTER
Weekly World News

LONDON — Amazing new microchips and bionic parts implanted in the human body will soon transform ordinary men and women into champion athletes capable of achieving phenomenal feats well into their 60s and 70s, researchers say.

British scientists working in the burgeoning field of bio-technology say that within a few short years, humans will smash current sports records, running the mile in under three minutes, breezing through the marathon in just an hour and a half and pole vaulting an amazing 30 feet into the air!

The microchips, located near major nerve centers, will be triggered by electrical signals from the brain and will in turn control artificial joints, ligaments and other body parts made of super-strong plastics.

The chips will also activate the production of needed energy-boosting chemicals such as adrenalin when the body needs it, explained Dr. Basil Corchland, a physician involved in the groundbreaking research.

"These chips will make steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs of the 1990s look very primitive and ineffective by comparison," he said. "They will essentially turn ordinary men into supermen."

Unlike ordinary joints and other body parts, the bionic components will never wear out.

"This will allow people to continue to be capable of extraordinary physical achievements even in old age," the scientist explained. Dr. Corchland says that the superman technology should be available in the U.S. and Britain early in the new century.

Use your emotions to improve your health!

By MICHAEL K. TODD / *Weekly World News*

Your emotions, as everyone knows, can make you physically sick when they are negative — but there are ways you can put your emotions to work to give you radiant health!

Here, according to psychiatrist and author Dr. Jack Leedy, is how you can cultivate good emotional habits for better health:

1. Don't fight tension — use it.

Tension can cause us grave trouble. But telling ourselves not to be tense rarely works — and there are times when we can't remove the source of the tension. What to do?

Use your tension. When you are tense, you are temporarily more energetic, alert and aggressive. Start doing a job you've been putting off for a long time or one that seems like a tremendous task.

For example, you've had an angry dispute with your spouse, boss or neighbor. Instead of fighting the tension uselessly, you decide to reorganize a long-neglected closet, or put an accumulation of papers in order, or fix a shelf that has long needed repair.

You'll be amazed how much you can get done at a time like this. Gradually, your tension eases and vanishes entirely.

2. Tackle only one thing at a time.

Anxiety gives us a restless dissatisfaction with ourselves so that we try too many things at once and throw ourselves into confusion. For example, a woman wants to be more attractive, looking into a course at a charm school, wishes she had more money for clothes and wonders how to get it, and so on.

If you feel yourself suffering persistent anxiety, starting things, dropping them and becoming distracted, adopt this rule:

Tackle only one thing at a time. Stick with it until you've done all you can and don't think about other problems until it's done. Focusing your mind in this way puts your dissatisfaction to the best possible use — and will probably ease your mind rapidly.

3. Make a decision — right or wrong.

Too often we react to our worries and fears with indecisiveness. This, of course, only keeps us worrying longer and uses up our emotional energy. The key to ending indecisiveness is action. Give a problem the study and thought it deserves. Then — act! Tell yourself you've done all you can to lay the groundwork for your decision and you're making it now — right or wrong.

4. Exercise regularly — physically and mentally.

Exercise not only discharges undesirable emotions such as tension but can prevent them from forming. But you can exercise in more ways than one. You can exercise your emotions by giving reasonable expression to them. When you feel love for someone, show it. If you have reasonable grounds for anger, let it out. Exercise your mind too — by looking into new ideas, discussing novel viewpoints, trying an activity that's new to you. And of course,

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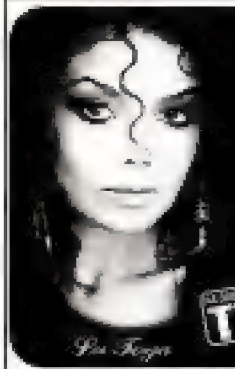

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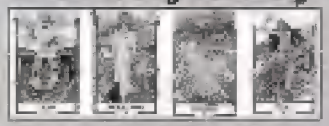
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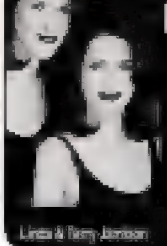
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By SERENA SABAK
PSYCHIC ASTROLOGER TO THE RICH AND FAMOUS

For the week of March 22

ARIES
Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

On the romantic front, you are going to run into some obstacles with the opposite sex this week. Someone you find attractive may try to give you a hard time in achieving your heart's desire. Hang in there and everything will be great.

This is a relatively favorable week for long-term plans and issues. Financially you'll find a nice surprise coming your way.

TAURUS
Apr. 20 – May 20

Success is yours this week. You seem to reap rewards in almost any endeavor.

Someone near and dear to you gives you special advice. Listen to them for they have your best interests at heart.

If you are romantically involved with someone this week, it should prove very exciting. Concentrate on strengthening romantic bonds.

GEMINI
May 21 – June 20

Pay attention to friendships this week. They'll generate the warmth you need and give you much pleasure.

New fashions spruce up your wardrobe, making someone you like take another look.

You may wind down an old romance this week, and you may feel remorse. Don't look back.

Your love future is great!

This could be your lucky week.

CANCER
June 21 – July 22

A long-standing and crucial relationship is being put to the test this week. Don't let it get you down. All's fair in love and war so stand your ground and you'll end up winning what you want.

If you have a financially secure relative who offers you a gift of cash, take it. It will help you clear up a debt and make your benefactor feel really needed.

LEO
July 23 – Aug. 22

This week a family gathering may be on the agenda and you could be meeting with relatives you haven't seen for some time.

You'll finish a long-term project this week. You may find yourself being promoted.

Love and romance will be at the top of your list of wishes.

You'll be especially attractive now to members of the opposite sex.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

You wonder if someone you truly care for wants to resolve problems this week. Be confident, that person really loves your positive approach to life.

Your cycle is high and you're probably going to achieve all you set out to do. Use your time wisely and budget your money.

You have a passionate nature and your outlet is through the arts.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

A new challenge is presented this week and you meet it with fear at first. But it won't take you long to catch on and you'll find talent you didn't even know you had.

Your love life will improve and you'll hear from a certain someone you thought had forgotten you.

Protect your interests and remember lessons learned in the past. Use this knowledge for your benefit.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Stick to practical issues this week. Puzzle pieces fall into place.

Your best qualities will come to the fore and you'll advance rapidly if you don't hold back.

What appears to be a trap is only a temporary delay.

Use this delay to prepare yourself for financial gains that could be made if you listen to the advice of others.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

You are going to have a successful week. There is nothing to stop you from succeeding in an endeavor that has taken months of work.

You feel a powerful attraction to a member of the opposite sex. Persevere this week in matters of love, for the object of your desire secretly longs for you.

A family member desperately needs your guidance and support this week.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Focus on the future this week and what can be achieved.

Your actions now may result in a family member feeling left out, so be careful and considerate.

Your loved one may be feeling somewhat down at this time and any emotional support you give is exactly what is needed.

Financial connections will pay off this week.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

A change is indicated, so heed the advice of someone higher up. It could pay off in big bucks this week.

A tantalizing person is new in your life. Be wise — allow this person to share your life but don't give up your own identity.

In matters of chance, stick to the number 4 — it could be in the telephone number from a long-lost lover or on a winning lottery ticket.

PISCES
Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Chase new ideas this week. They'll help you gain your original goal.

Spend more time with a loved one, and you'll be pleasantly surprised by the rewards.

Evenings can be wonderful, especially on the weekend.

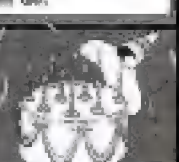
People think you have the knowledge and ability to resolve their problems — and you do.

If your birthday is this week...

The coming year will bring some important changes in your life.

Your financial situation has not improved the way you hoped, but you could see returns in the near future. Your money dealings should pay off and reinvestment is on the agenda.

On the romance sector, you're more important to someone than you know.



Readers all over the country are using psychic astrologer Serena Sabak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

$ YOUR LUCKY LOTTERY NUMBERS $

ARIES Mar. 21 – Apr. 19	3, 11, 22, 24, 44, 46
TAURUS Apr. 20 – May 20	6, 11, 27, 35, 37, 43
GEMINI May 21 – June 20	3, 9, 27, 30, 37, 39
CANCER June 21 – July 22	7, 18, 27, 28, 38, 40
LEO July 23 – Aug. 22	8, 19, 24, 26, 35, 45
VIRGO Aug. 23 – Sept. 22	3, 9, 15, 30, 33, 47
LIBRA Sept. 23 – Oct. 22	5, 9, 10, 18, 40, 45
SCORPIO Oct. 23 – Nov. 21	9, 12, 22, 24, 36, 41
SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 – Dec. 21	4, 17, 23, 29, 40, 46
CAPRICORN Dec. 22 – Jan. 19	7, 19, 28, 31, 33, 49
AQUARIUS Jan. 20 – Feb. 18	4, 20, 29, 33, 38, 47

DID JESUS LOOK LIKE

Computers analyze the Shroud of Turin to create

By MARSHA HEGLEY / *Weekly World News*

The photo at the far right is the face of Jesus Christ, created by computer enhancement of the Messiah's burial cloth — the famous Shroud of Turin!

And to the amazement of researchers, the image bears an uncanny resemblance to artistic depictions of Christ that have appeared in hundreds of devotional paintings since the Middle Ages.

The experts created the haunting picture using state-of-the-art computer technologies developed by NASA to help map the surfaces of distant planets.

The technologies enabled shroud researchers to create a three-dimensional replica of the image that appears on the burial cloth, which is one of the world's premier religious relics.

Photographs of the replica were fed into a computer along with a series of "probabilities" concerning complexion, hair color and eye color.

Using a special "morphing" technique that more or less fills in any informational blanks, the computer was able to "flesh out" the face that appears on the shroud.

The result, say the researchers, is the stunning, computer-generated photograph of Jesus Christ that appears on the right.

Said one member of the research team: "If the Shroud of Turin is authentic, the face is authentic. This is what Jesus looked like."

1 MYSTERIOUS: The original Shroud of Turin has baffled experts since the Middle Ages.

2 GENESIS: A special computer technique known as "morphing" starts to "flesh out" the face.

The sergeant came into the barracks to rouse the new recruits from their sleep.

"Aarright!" he barked. "Up and at 'em! It's four-thirty!"

"If it's four-thirty, Sergeant," a recruit answered

Beauty experts tell how you can have soft hands &

Lovely nails and beautiful hands can be yours by following these simple tips from beauty experts:

● Ground-in dirt from doing hard work without gloves can be lifted out this way:

Wet hands in warm water and apply baby shampoo to your fingers and nails. Lather up, leave on for one minute, then your mud facial mask to fingers for deep cleansing.

● If you have a dirty job to do, first scratch your nails across a wet bar of soap. Your under-nails will fill up with soap, so dirt won't have room to penetrate.

● The antidote for hangnails is to rub anti-thumb-sucking medication on the af-

Cracked, dry skin can lead to hangnails.

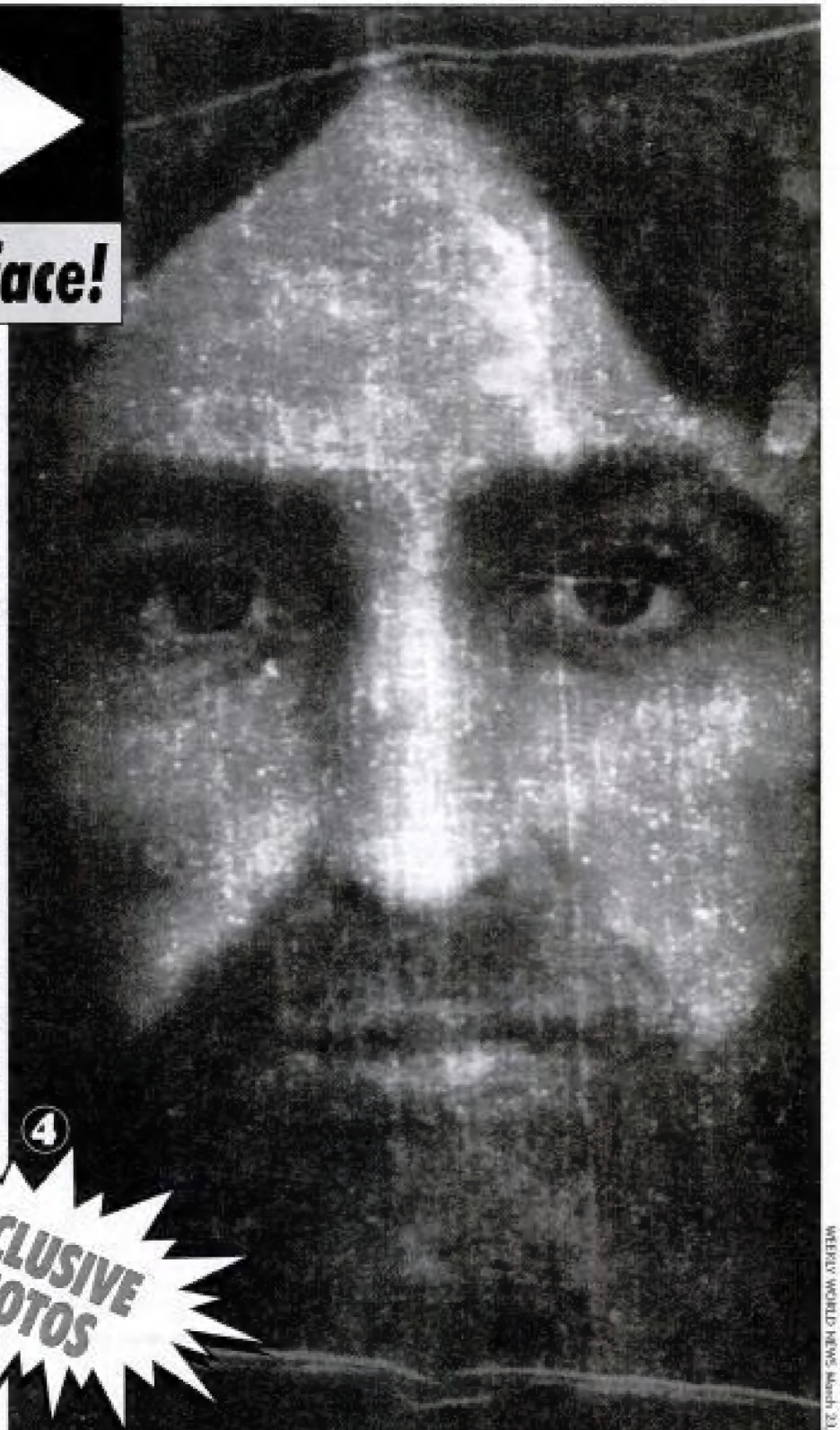
● Soak your fingers in warm olive oil for a few minutes. It softens cuticles and hands and strengthens nails.

● Melt paraffin wax in a double boiler. Apply moisturizing cream to your hands. After testing the wax on your inner wrist for temperature, paint it on your hands.

THIS?

image of Christ's face!

3 VISION: Further enhancement shows the eyes open.



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pressed for time, you don't have to take off all the polish. Instead, dampen the pad of your opposite index finger with remover and pat the remover on the messy nail.

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Bombshell photo NASA kept under wraps for 27 years!

BELOW: Scientists measure egg found on the moon. Inset: The *Apollo 17* command and service module that carried the amazing discovery back to Earth.

Astronauts brought giant egg back from the moon — in 1972!

By ALEX MORGAN
Weekly World News

A top secret, 27-year-old photograph of scientists inspecting a large egg astronauts brought back from the moon has been leaked to the press by a NASA insider — but experts are being very close-mouthed about whatever became of the mysterious egg!

The photograph was taken shortly after the *Apollo 17* mission. The egg is about 2½ feet long and measures more than three feet around at its middle.

"Only a handful of people in the space agency were allowed to actually see the egg," said the source, who requested anonymity. "No more than a half-dozen pictures were taken of it and for almost three decades they have been classified as top secret."

The source would not disclose how he got the secret photo but said he is sharing it with the press at the urging of a national group studying the existence of space aliens on Earth.

The discovery of moon eggs has been rumored ever since the first Apollo flights, though most officials always dismissed the possibility when questioned about it.

"I saw the eggs when they were taken off the space capsule," the source said. "I know there were at least three of them. The largest one is shown in this photograph.

"I personally have a great interest in knowing what happened to these eggs.

"If they indeed hatched, as some people believe, then the public has a right to know this."

The source said the egg was white with dark splotches and, despite its size, weighed no more than a few pounds.

"It wasn't anything like a rock or a stone," he said.

"People who handled it say you have to be very careful not to break its shell."

NASA officials refused to confirm or deny the existence of the eggs.

Schools eye dress

DENVER, Colo. — Schools here might soon have dress codes — for teachers!

At least one school board member is pushing the idea. Teachers probably wouldn't be

We've been pumping power South of the Border for years!

U.S. threatens to cut off Mexico's electricity— if they don't pay their $172 billion bill!

MEXICO'S ELECTRICITY has been coming from the U.S. since the 1940s, but they haven't paid for it since 1953.

MEXICAN President Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon.

By JUAN ALMANEZ / *Weekly World News*

Mexico owes the United States a whopping $172 billion for electricity — and if it doesn't pay up by March 15 its power will be shut off!

That's the chilling warning from a high-ranking U.S. official.

"For decades the United States government has been generous and understanding with Mexico but we've reached the point where we can no longer afford to provide them with free electricity," he said. "We've warned Mexico for more than two years that this was going to happen — and now we have to put our foot down."

America has been supplying electricity to Mexico ever since the 1940s but hasn't received a single payment since 1953.

Now economic experts say the declining value of the peso is going to make it nearly impossible for Mexico to pay even a tiny fraction of what it owes.

"We know they're having financial difficulties down there and we're willing to work something out," the anonymous official said. "But it's not good business for us to keep sending free electricity to Mexico while our own national deficit continues to grow.

"And there are people right here in America who could use the free electricity, so why should we be sending it off to a country that won't even pay us for it?"

'Let's Pull the Plug' poll:

☐ PULL THAT PLUG! Those free-loading Mexicans have been living off us for too long. Make 'em pay their electric bill — with interest — or cut 'em off for good.

☐ DON'T YOU DARE! Our poor neighbors to the south need all the help they can get. We should keep the juice flowing to our amigos so they can rebuild their ailing economy.

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Most college kids believe in UFOs, Atlantis and Bigfoot!

Belief in Bigfoot, UFOs, Atlantis and the power of psychics is common on college campuses today — but nearly all students believe in astrology, a study reveals.

A total of nearly 1,000 students at five colleges were asked whether they believe in a number of subjects.

Here are the results of the study:

- A majority of the students — 73 percent — believe that psychics can actually predict the future.
- 57 percent believe that some people have ESP.
- 49 percent believe in the existence of Bigfoot.
- 53 percent believe the "lost continent" of Atlantis actually existed.
- 60 percent believe Adam and Eve were created by God as the first two people.
- 98 percent believe astrology can predict the future.
- 43 percent believe in the theory of author Erich that UFOs are extraterrestrial aircraft.

Outclassed

Ninety-five percent of all decisions that are made by topflight executives could be made just as well by any high school student. What the success-

Brainy eggheads say: Kill the homeless — because they're stupid!

The so-called geniuses in the egghead group Mensa have come out with a newsletter saying homeless, retarded and old people should be killed!

An article by one Mensa member said "a piece of meat in the shape of a man" should be exterminated if it is mentally defective.

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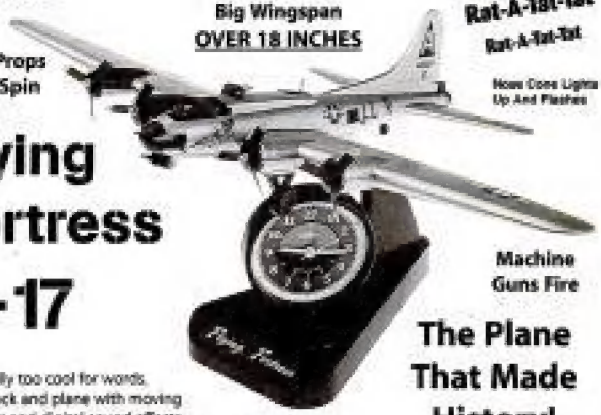

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